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## LESBIAN MOTHERS DEMONSTRATE



## LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE '78 SCHEDULE FOR BOSTON

**TEXT OF ANDREA DWORKIN'S  
Speech at**

**The University of Massachusetts**

**THE GAY SPEAKERS BUREAU**

**The Tom Robinson Band**





## Hundreds Attend Lesbian Mothers Day Rally

By Julie Palmer

BOSTON — More than 200 children, women and men gathered on the Boston Common Saturday afternoon, May 13, to demonstrate support for lesbian mothers. The rally, organized by the Mothers Day Committee, was festive and spirited, with music and theater as well as speeches.

Lee Swislow, one of the organizers of the rally, started the rally off by explaining to those gathered around that the real issue is "control — women taking and keeping control of our own lives. The nuclear family operates to keep tight control on the behavior of women." She said that lesbian mothers were under heavy attack these days because they most specifically challenged the nuclear family model.

"There are other ways, too, in which women are punished for their sexuality and their deviation from the norm," Swislow continued. "Prostitutes, who openly sell sex in order to make a living, are persecuted by the law — sometimes by the same men who buy their favors. Single mothers are subjected to insulting investigations into their personal lives before they are allowed to receive money from the State. Women who have abortions are labelled 'selfish and irresponsible' for wanting to guide the directions of their own lives. At the same time, many poor and Third World women are losing the right to ever have children by being forced into unwanted sterilizations. The attacks against lesbian mothers are closely connected to the attacks against Third-World women,

low-income women, prostitutes — any women trying to break free of society's structure and to determine her own life."

Swislow compared the custody battles of lesbian mothers to the racist events of the '50s and '60s. "During that period of time in particular, white women with children who married or lived with Black men were declared to be unfit mothers. Many white women lost their children for the crime of associating with Blacks. Custody battles are an old method of keeping women in line."

Judy Solomon, a lesbian mother, talked at the rally about some of her own experiences and ideas. She told the crowd that organizers of the rally had asked several other lesbian mothers to speak before they had asked her. "The

photo by Ken Rabb



Judy Solomon addressing the Lesbian Mothers Rally

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### Sodomy Law in North Carolina

## US Supreme Court Refuses to Hear Gay Case

WASHINGTON, DC — The U.S. Supreme Court has once again refused to hear a gay-related issue. The justices declined to review a decision upholding the constitutionality of a North Carolina law that prohibits "homosexual acts" between consenting adults.

Associate Justices William J. Brennan and Thurgood Marshall voted to accept the case for a hearing. However, court procedure requires four votes for a case to be heard.

#### The Case in North Carolina

The defendant in the North Carolina case, *Enslin v. Wallford*, was convicted on a charge of sodomy. He challenged the constitutionality of the state ban on "homosexual acts." That ban describes such an act as "the abominable

and detestable crime against nature." The Federal courts ruled against the defendant's claim that the law was overly vague and a denial of his right to equal protection of the laws.

Barbara Levy, executive director of the Lambda Legal Defense Fund which handled the case, told GCN that the high court's decision was "nothing more than was expected."

#### 'Ten Foot Pole'

Levy said that the Supreme Court "has made it clear that it won't touch gay rights with a ten foot pole. When something comes up to them [the justices] they have not accepted the task of making a decision at all."

Levy added, however, that the decision has no legal effect. "The Court,"

she said, "has not decided the law is constitutional."

#### Continuing Avoidance

The Supreme Court has continued to avoid any gay rights issues by simply refusing to hear cases. Early in March, the Court declined to review a lower court ruling that required the University of Missouri to recognize the student gay group, Gay Lib, as an official campus organization.

Up to the time of that ruling, and now including this latest ruling, the Supreme Court's refusal to hear cases involving gay issues has had the effect of upholding only criminal convictions or rejecting charges of discrimination.

Last year the justices let stand a Washington State court ruling that

teachers can be fired for their homosexuality. Again, that decision did not set any legal precedent and did not mean that the highest court in the land endorsed the firing of teachers by local school boards.

#### State Level Actions

In light of the Supreme Court's continuing refusal to hear gay-related cases, Lambda Legal Defense Fund will be taking more actions at the state level. Executive Director Levy said that most states have constitutions "which include the same rights as the Federal constitution."

"We will be challenging sodomy laws," Levy added, "at the state level rather than go to the Supreme Court."

## Boston Lesbian and Gay Pride Announces '78 Schedule

By Eric Rogers

BOSTON — The Lesbian and Gay Pride Week Steering Committee has finalized the calendar for this year's events. The activities will include the parade and rally, a carnival, a town meeting in Faneuil Hall, a picnic on the Esplanade, and two weeks of workshops and cultural events. The theme of this year's Lesbian and Gay Pride Week is "We Are Everywhere and We Will be Free!"

The central event of Boston's celebration of gay pride will be the parade on Saturday, June 17. The parade will assemble at 11:30 a.m. in Copley Square and take a new route this year, terminating at the rally site on the Boston Common. In addition to the usual groups in the parade, including contingents of lesbians, gay youth, and New England organizations, this year's march will include two new contingents. A coalition of non-gay organizations and individuals, organized by several non-gay Boston

area groups, will be marching in support of lesbian and gay pride. Another contingent, made up of lesbians and gay men in masks, will include those individuals who feel they cannot march openly in the parade. This group will carry signs and banners explaining the risks involved in marching openly as a lesbian or gay man. A mobile childcare unit will also be in the parade for those youngsters who want to join in the march. All people and organizations marching in this year's parade are encouraged to prepare banners, signs, or floats for the march.

The parade is expected to arrive on the Common at 1:30 and, shortly thereafter, the rally will begin. Linda Carford of the Gay Business Association will be the rally's emcee. Speakers will include Allen Young, co-author of *Out of the Closets: Voices of Gay Liberation* and *After You're Out*. Leslie Cagan, lesbian socialist-feminist, and David Drolet of the Massachusetts Caucus of Gay Legisla-

tion. Musicians and poets will also be performing, including La Triba, a women's band, and Kenny Arkin, local gay singer-songwriter.

The carnival, organized primarily by the gay businesses in Boston, will be held a week before the parade, on Saturday, June 10, beginning at 2 p.m. on the Fenway. Activities will include games and booths sponsored by local bars, businesses and organizations, raffles, refreshments, music, and appearances by local politicians.

Workshops and cultural events will be held over a two week period. Workshop titles include the Politics of Lesbian Publishing, Gays and Business, The New Right, Identity and the Leather/Denim Scene, and Lesbians and Children. There will be several evenings of poetry and films, and an open session for lesbian and gay musicians.

On Friday, June 23, there will be a Gayla Picnic on The Esplanade from 3 to 7 p.m. This will be followed by a Town Meeting, held at historic Faneuil

Hall from 7-10 p.m. The town meeting will focus on issues facing the gay community in the coming year.

GCN will publish the entire calendar of events for Lesbian and Gay Pride Week in early June. All individuals and organizations are encouraged to participate in the events. The Steering Committee is seeking organizations to serve as supporters of Lesbian and Gay Pride Week. The supporters will be listed on the posters and will be announced at the rally. An organization interested in supporting Lesbian and Gay Pride Week should write to the Lesbian and Gay Pride Steering Committee, GCN Box LGPW, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108.

The Lesbian and Gay Pride Week Planning Committee is in need of the following items: a flat bed truck, a large sound system, helium for balloons, and an organization to distribute balloons at the Carnival and in the Parade. If you have access to any of these needed items please contact Eric at 426-4469.



# News Notes

## CARTER AND BRYANT

WASHINGTON, DC — President Carter and Anita Bryant will share top billing at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta in mid-June.

Carter, a Southern Baptist layman, will deliver the closing address at the convention June 16. Bryant, who has been leading a nationwide crusade against lesbians and gay men, will also address the meeting.

The convention is expected to take up resolutions on homosexuality, abortion, ordaining women and tuition tax credits.

## SPRING FOR GCN RE-SCHEDULED

BOSTON — At a meeting held Wednesday evening, May 17, at the Club Max, the Community for GCN finalized plans for a spectacular benefit to be held June 18 from noon to 2 a.m. at the Club Max.

The benefit is being planned in conjunction with Gay Pride Week activities. Co-chair persons for the affair, Michael Campbell of Campbell-Moreau Associates, and Judy Previte of Koala Bear Hair Cutters, completed negotiations for the all day event with John Burr, general manager of the Club Max. All three people promised that the benefit will be one of the most memorable events ever held by the gay community in Boston.

At present the program includes a buffet brunch, disco-tea dance, auction, fashion show, and dance contest.

To help with the benefit, or to donate prizes for the auction, contact Michael Campbell at 267-0587 or Judy Previte and Tony Mantia at 247-7441.

## MCAD PROTESTS ENCORE

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination last week filed complaints with Boston licensing authorities concerning advertisements in *Esplanade* for a supposedly new gay club opening in Boston to be called "Encore." The advertisements in question are for "bartenders, waiters, floormen, and d.j.'s" and specifically ask for "gay white male" applicants.

"Advertisements that express a limitation based on race or sex are expressly prohibited by Chapter 151b of the Massachusetts General Laws," write MCAD Commissioner Alex Rodriguez, in a letter sent to Licensing Division Chief Richard Sinnott, with copies to the Boston Licensing Board. The only exception to the prohibition, Rodriguez said, was in the case of a "bona fide occupational qualification," for which no state waiver has been granted.

Rodriguez urged the city to "withhold the granting of a license on the basis of their [Encore's] flagrant disregard of this Commonwealth's laws prohibiting discrimination in employment and access to and treatment within places of public accommodations."

## CHALLENGES CHURCH

SAN DIEGO, CA — Jeffry Vowles, a 42-year-old gay man, has filed suit in federal court challenging the tax exempt status of religious organizations. Vowles believes that laws regulating sexual activity represent a fostering of religion by the State in violation of the Constitution and are a "continuous attempt to influence legislation by Judaic and Christian religious organizations". The suit seeks to have certain laws regulating sexual conduct ruled invalid on the basis of violation of basic civil rights.

## LESBIANS AGAINST NUKES

BOSTON — An all-lesbian affinity group from the Boston area is forming for the June 24 occupation of the Seabrook Nuclear power plant in Seabrook, N.H. The occupation is being organized by the Boston Clamshell Alliance. All persons going to the occupation will be in affinity groups. Anyone interested in being in an all-lesbian affinity group should contact Amy Nadel at 783-4293.

The first meeting to discuss the formation of the lesbian group will be Thursday, May 25 at 26 Creighton St., Cambridge, at 7:30 p.m. There will be other all-lesbian groups going to Seabrook from the New England area. All groups will be trained in non-violent, direct action techniques.

## GCN RETRACTS STORY

BOSTON — GCN (No. 43) printed a short news note about CHEER, the Center for Homosexual Evaluation, Education and Research. The story stated that CHEER was presently under investigation by its funding source, the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and that two people from NIMH had gone out to San Francisco to conduct hearings with 'twelve gay researchers from the Bay Area who had registered complaints' about CHEER.

GCN talked to Bruce Ringler, from NIMH, who said that while in fact he and Gloria Levine had gone to San Francisco, it was not to hold hearings and investigate CHEER. "From the NIMH viewpoint," Ringler told GCN, "there is no investigation and no hearings. We went out to San Francisco to do an on-site visit, as a fact finding mission with San Francisco State University and the staff, and to air views."

Ringler went on to tell GCN that money from NIMH goes to San Francisco State University through the Frederick Burk Foundation for Education, and NIMH money does not actually go to CHEER.

## BONIN DENIES CHARGES

BOSTON — Superior Court Chief Justice Robert M. Bonin denied all nine charges of misconduct filed against him by the state's Committee on Judicial Responsibility and demanded the charges against him be dismissed. Bonin's attorneys filed the reply with the Supreme Judicial Court on May 12.

Specifically, Bonin argued that the Boston/Boise Committee is not a defense committee but a "civil liberties and educational group" and therefore his attendance at the April 5 lecture by Gore Vidal was not a conflict of interest. He denied that any statements were made at the lecture requiring him to leave or knowing in advance that the so-called "Revere trials" would be discussed, and cited constitutional reasons for talking with Vidal after the lecture "for less than one minute." In addition, Bonin specifically denied receiving advance warning about going to the lecture by his aide, Francis X. Orfanello.

Hearings on the charges are expected to begin on June 5.

## AMUSEMENT CENTER REJECTED

BOSTON — Applications to establish an amusement center at the building which houses the Nineties Restaurant and The Other Side were rejected last week by Chief Richard J. Sinnott of the Licensing Division of the Mayor's Office. The rejection follows a May 3 hearing at which James K. Olson and Blackgammon, Inc. sought city approval to install various entertainment operations at the Broadway address. [See GCN, May 13]

The decision was hailed by Bay Village residents, who vigorously opposed the application at the hearing. "I'm very pleased, we think it's a very fair decision," said June McCourt, president of the Bay Village Neighborhood Association.

Sinnott gave 13 reasons for the rejection. The most important reasons were the overwhelming opposition of the community and of the command staff of the Boston Police, the lack of planning on the applicant's part, and the detrimental effect on the Bay Village neighborhood.

According to Jerry Vento, executive secretary to the Boston Licensing Board, Olson has 30 days in which he may appeal Sinnott's decision to Suffolk Superior Court.

## TEXAS CONFERENCE PLANNED

DALLAS, TX — The Texas Gay Task Force will be sponsoring a Gay Conference in Dallas on June 10 and 11 at the Royal Coach Inn. Activities at this year's conference will include workshops, guest speakers and social activities. Some of the workshops planned include: Gay health care, the Bible and Homosexuality, consciousness raising, the law's affect on homosexuals, problems for youth, working with the media, and teachers and homosexuality.

There will be a \$10 registration fee for the conference with a low-income fee available for those persons needing it. Advance registration information can be obtained by writing to T.G.C. Five, P.O. Box 20254, Dallas, TX 75220.

## MCAD WON'T HEAR CASE

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination last week refused to hear the complaint of "Robert Macauley vs. Vincent Donato" which alleged discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual preference. John A. Ramos, Director of Investigations for the MCAD, claimed that the Massachusetts law dealing with discrimination "does not include sexual preference." He further stated that legislation has not been enacted as yet to cover this type of discrimination.

On May 17, Atty. Robert E. Dinsmore, lawyer for Macauley, filed a request for Mandatory Injunction against the MCAD in Suffolk Superior Court in Boston. The injunction, if granted, would force the MCAD to hear the case. The court must first, however, declare that homosexuals are currently protected under the discrimination laws. The MCAD has been given notice to appear in Suffolk Superior Court on May 23 to arrange a hearing date.

In the initial complaint, Macauley alleged that Vincent Donato, chef and co-owner of the Fan Club, subjected him to "verbal and physical abuse" stating that he felt he was discriminated in his employment because of his homosexuality. Six other Fan Club employees also signed a statement claiming that they had witnessed other gay employees being verbally or physically abused by Donato.

The Mandatory Injunction, if successful, would make Massachusetts the first state where homosexuals are protected from discrimination in employment.

## VICTORY IN ALASKA

ANCHORAGE — The State Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Alaska Gay Coalition in a case involving the rights of the Coalition to be included in the 1976-77 Anchorage Blue Book. The Blue Book is a listing of social services and is published by the Municipality of Anchorage.

The Alaska Supreme Court stated in its ruling that in deleting the Coalition from the Blue Book the City "denied that group access to a public forum based solely on the nature of its beliefs. In so doing, they violated appellant's constitutional rights to freedom of speech and association and equal protection under the law".

The Supreme Court went on to rule that "further distribution of the publication in its present form constitutes a continuing violation of . . . (the Coalition's) constitutional rights . . ." and ordered the Superior Court to immediately enjoin Anchorage from further distribution of the Blue Book.

## ART GROUP NEEDS MONEY

NEW YORK — The Glines, Inc., a non-profit organization for gay arts, is in financial trouble. For two years the group has offered plays, musicals, poetry readings, films and cabaret performers, of interest to both lesbians and gay men. Now they may be forced to close unless they can raise some money. All performing arts must rely on the support of generous patrons to supplement box office receipts. The Glines' task is doubly difficult since their programming is still considered controversial enough to make arts agencies and private foundations reluctant to support them. The Glines is soliciting funds from the gay community. Tax-deductible contributions may be made out to: The Cultural Council Foundation for The Glines, and mailed to The Glines, 260 West Broadway, New York, NY 10013. Donors of \$50 or more may be listed as 'sponsors' in all Glines programs. But they will be very grateful for all amounts.

## ACKERMANN PROMISES RIGHTS

CAMBRIDGE — Democratic Gubernatorial candidate Barbaro Ackerman has pledged to issue an executive order prohibiting discrimination against gays in state employment.

In an interview on the WCAS gay public affairs program "Closet Space," broadcast Sunday, May 21, Ackermann told co-host Joe Martin that she would "certainly" issue a gay rights executive order if elected.

Ackermann cited the pro-gay order issued last January by New York Mayor Edward Koch as being "appropriate action," and she promised to do the same.



# Gay Teenagers Brought Complaints Boston Police Officers Accused of Abuse

BOSTON — Three Boston police officers were the subject of an Internal Affairs Division disciplinary hearing on Tuesday, May 16, as the result of complaints brought by three gay teenagers last August (see GCN, Sept. 3, 1977). The charges were made in the name of Larry Brown, who was 17 at the time, and the only one of the three legally able to lodge such a complaint.

After an intense investigation by the Boston Police Department's Internal Affairs Division (IAD), the city made formal accusations against three police officers, as follows:

- Officer John Gillespie was accused of: 1) Physically and verbally abusing Brown and the other youths, 2) Failing to file an incident report on an assault and failing to make proper identification (both on Aug. 18, 1977), 3) Submitting an inaccurate, incomplete, and untruthful account of the incident to the commander of District Four, Capt. James McDonald, on Sept. 13, and 4) Submitting false statements to the IAD on Nov. 2.

- Officer Thomas Clifford was accused of: 1) Physically abusing Brown and the other youths, 2) Failing to file an incident report on an assault and failing to make proper identification (both on Aug. 18, 1977), 3) Submitting an inaccurate, incomplete, and untruthful account of the incident to the commander of District Four, Capt. James McDonald, on Sept. 13, and 4) Submitting false statements to the IAD on Nov. 2.

- Lt. Ralph Maglio was accused of: 1) Failing to carry out responsibilities as Duty Supervisor at District Four on Aug. 18, and 2) Submitting an inaccurate report of the incident to Dept. Supt. Anthony J. DiNatale, commander of the IAD.

All three men denied the charges.

Boston Police Patrolmen's association lawyer Frank J. McGee, who represented Clifford and Gillespie, made a motion to dismiss all charges because Brown was not present at the hearing. (He has since moved to Florida.) However, the hearing officer, Deputy Supt. Richard J. McKinnon of the Bureau of Administrative Services, rejected



McGee's motion on the grounds that the other two complainants, Amandio Guerreiro and Marc Wood, were present.

Under questioning by IAD prosecutor John W. Fieldsteel, Guerreiro testified that at about 3:00 a.m. on Aug. 18, he observed two men forcing a teenaged acquaintance into the Arlington Street subway station at the corner of Arlington and Boylston Streets, Back Bay. When Guerreiro and two companions came closer, the older men dispersed and went into their respective vehicles. When Wood

shouted out the license plate of one of the vehicles, however, both men jumped out and proceeded to chase the youths in the direction of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, less than two blocks away.

Wood noticed a police car in front of the hotel and attempted to report what was happening, but before he could complete the story, one of the men — whom he later discovered to be Officer Clifford in plainclothes — proceeded to strike him in the right temple with the butt of his gun. Meanwhile, the other man — later discovered to be Officer John Gillespie, also in plainclothes — had Brown on the ground in the hotel parking lot. Gillespie was seen kicking Brown in the groin, shouting, "This is for Anita Bryant!"

A second police car arrived on the scene, and took the three youths, along with a friend known only as "Bo," to District Four in handcuffs. Along the way, the youths were threatened by the officers with being dumped in the Charles River or Blue Hills. They were never advised whether they were under arrest or what the purpose was for bringing them to the police station.

They were asked for their names, addresses, and ages at the station, but the apparent booking process was stopped when it was disclosed that the youths were only 15, 16, and 17. When "Bo," who was 18 at the time, asked permission to speak, one of the police officers kicked him in the neck. The youths were then told to leave the station.

The police apparently suspected the youths of being involved with the armed robbery of an older man earlier Wednesday evening, although they were never arrested. Brown, Wood, and Guerreiro had all been at a downtown discotheque that evening and had no knowledge of any robbery. The

plainclothes officers were off-duty at the time, and it is unknown whether they had police radios in their cars.

Under sometimes grueling cross-examination by McGee and Joseph McPartland, attorney for Lt. Maglio, both witnesses conceded that two of the men taken to the station — Brown and Guerreiro — were dressed as females at the time of the incident. McGee attempted to impugn the testimony of the complainants by suggesting that they were runaways and questioning why they were on Boylston Street at three o'clock in the morning.

Gillespie and Clifford have both been transferred out of District Four since the incident, and are presently assigned to District 11 (Dorchester). Maglio is still assigned as a night lieutenant at District Four.

McKinnon adjourned the hearing until mid-June, when the police officers may testify in their own behalf. Meanwhile, the gay youths are attempting to have Brown returned to Boston in order to strengthen their case.

When the hearing is concluded, McKinnon is required to submit a report of his findings to Police Commissioner Joseph M. Jordan. The commissioner then has seven business days, according to state law, in which to decide upon an appropriate punishment for the officers, if any. Police sources have stated that a typical punishment in such cases involves a suspension for any number of months without pay. This is believed to be the first disciplinary hearing in the city's history involving complaints of police brutality by gay men.

The young men were accompanied to the hearing by Rev. Randall Gibson of Project Lambda, Robin MacCormack, and David Brill of GCN.

## Campaign Seen as 'Unifying' Effort

# Poll Shows Close Vote Expected in Eugene

By Jim Marko

EUGENE, OR — With a poll showing voters in this liberal Northwestern city split almost evenly on the issue of gay rights, a referendum will be held on May 23 to decide the fate of the six month old gay rights ordinance. The poll, conducted by Eugene Citizens for Human Rights (ECHR), showed that 40% of the voters questioned favored retaining the ordinance, 40% were against retention, and 20% remained undecided.

Terry Bean, treasurer of ECHR, told GCN that there is a "very positive" feeling in this university town of nearly 100,000. Characterizing the campaign as a "unifying" effort, Bean added that "people have been made more aware of discrimination and more people have come out . . . people have become political as a result of the campaign."

### Canvassing Effort

ECHR has been going door to door in its effort to get out the vote in Eugene. Ellen Bevington, who has been canvassing, said that it appears the vote is "going to be very close." "It's a win-win situation," she told

GCN. "We'd rather win at the polls, but in terms of the educating that's been going on and the working together of men and women, gay and non-gay, we all feel very good."

Bevington said that canvassing has made many of the gay people working more assertive. "Having to face up to a man who told me, 'I think we should hang them [gay people] all in the fair grounds' you can do nothing more than just look him closely in the eye," she said.

### Liberal Eugene

The turnout is expected to be heavy in the Eugene vote, which follows the recent defeat of gay rights ordinances in Wichita, Kans., and St. Paul, Minn.

The city does, however, have a liberal voting tradition, having voted against anti-pornography measures and having been the center of the anti-Vietnam war marches in Oregon.

As the literature produced by ECHR points out, "No community has a better opportunity to defeat this anti-gay nonsense than Eugene. No community presently facing a gay rights referendum has a more receptive pool

of proven sympathetic voters than Eugene. We can beat repeal in Eugene."

### The Voice Against

The anti-gay movement in the city is a group called VOICE headed by Maureen Gieber. Gieber spearheaded a campaign which resulted in the collection of the 10,000 signatures that forced the referendum.

VOICE has called gay rights laws "attacks on the freedom of employers and landlords to hire and fire, house or not house, whom they please." The group's co-ordinator, Larry Dean, stated in an interview that the gay rights vote was only the first issue the group planned to be active against. Dean said the group would stand "against the ERA and abortion."

### A Question of Gay Rights

Unlike campaigns waged in other cities in the country, the pro-gay activity in Eugene is not a question of the rhetorical "human rights" but one of gay rights.

ECHR has stated that it is waging a "vigorous, assertive and non-defensive campaign to educate, to fight myths

and combat discrimination." The group has urged all gay people to come out to friends, co-workers, neighbors and family and has urged both gays and non-gays to support the campaign against repeal of the ordinances by public speaking, canvassing, fund-raising and voter registration.

ECHR's literature not only calls for retention of the ordinance but addresses itself to correcting the "myths of homosexual recruitment and homosexuals as child molesters."

## ADVERTISING SALES REPRESENTATIVE

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# speaking out

## On Being Different — Gay and Young

By Jim Davis

*This Speaking Out was written by Davis after he read an editorial in the New York Post. The Post editorial, entitled "On Being Different," appears below.*

*Youn Ja's problem is a classic one — the trauma of being different. But the case of the 14-year-old Korean-American girl who fled the racial taunts of her New Jersey classmates was intensified by the setting of a suburban school population. The Eisenhower Middle School in Succasunna has only five black students and three Orientals.*

*The ordeal was no doubt intensified by the cruel vulnerability of childhood. But although insensitivity may be inherent in many social relationships of children, hate for those who are "different" is something too often learned.*

*In the words of Oscar Hammerstein, "you've got to be carefully taught to hate . . . all those people your relatives hate."*

*Youn Ja may have learned the lesson that she can't solve her problem by running away from it. But her classmates still have a lesson that must be unlearned.*

*That is what the process of education must be about in a civilized society. Part of the responsibility lies with the school, which must teach respect for individual differences, especially in places where the student body is so uniform.*

*But the heart — and soul — of the burden lies on the parents of those children who tormented Youn Ja, and who owe it to their own kids to instill a respect for human differences, before it's too late.*

My friend David entered a Catholic high school in Los Angeles in 1967. He very carefully kept his sexuality a secret from all but three gay friends, who he managed to find. They had an old bomb of a car that they used, to get away from their schoolmates, for a little relief from the hiding.

But one day in sex ed. class, he listened to a torrent of vicious lies about "homosexuality" from the teacher, which weren't disputed by anyone else. So he summoned up the courage to stand up and defend himself and the truth. He said things like 'We're not sick', and 'love is beautiful, ours too'.

For these heresies he was totally ostracized. Not one student would speak with him day in and day out. Even his gay friends were afraid to be seen speaking with him in school, for fear of being suspected themselves. They didn't want to spend all of high school having nothing said to them but 'fag', 'fairy', 'queer', and 'pervert'.

It got so bad that his family had to move to another state, so he could go to a new school where this one part of his nature would again be a secret. He was warned to never again be honest about his sexuality. His father, a union official, was very lucky to have been able to get transferred, once. And there wouldn't be any second chance of that. Instead of supporting him, they forced him into psychiatry, hoping to coerce him into changing, in spite of the fact that he had absolutely no desire to change. He was a partly liberated gay person years before the fighting back at the Stonewall Inn in 1969. And years before a minority of liberals and libertarians would nibble at the idea of reconsidering *that* kind of bigotry.

How many years will it be before editors of major newspapers write fine editorials like "On Being 'Different' . . ." about young people like David?

*("Speaking Out" is a column designed for the benefit of GCN readers. We encourage you to send your thoughts, ideas, feelings to Speaking Out, GCN, 22 Bromfield Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02108. The opinions expressed in the "Speaking Out" column do not necessarily reflect the views of the newspaper or those of individual members of the GCN staff.)*

## community voices

### the problem of gay youth

To GCN—

The gay community definitely has a problem. Project Lambda has lost its funding. If it is not refunded, Project Lambda will cease to exist. When I talk to people about Project Lambda's fate, they don't seem to care: the only comments they make concern Randy Gibson's private life and personality.

What sort of community is this? This particular matter is a question of whether or not the gay community has a responsibility toward the adolescent homosexuals of Boston: this is not a popularity contest.

When some kid is in jail for prostitution, who bails him out? Randy does. When some kid needs a place to sleep and some food to eat, who shelters and feeds him? Randy does. If the people who criticize Randy would do one fifth of the work Randy does for gay youth, there would be no problem gay youth in Boston. Then again, if wishes were fishes we'd eat them every day . . . Randy's critics are full of good will: now, I wish they'd do something with it.

Let's face it, Randy, whether you like him or not, is the best we've got. Why don't we all support him? The gay youth of Boston and all their problems are not going to disappear with the passage of Project Lambda. However, someone has to do the dirty work that Randy does. I haven't seen anyone else offering to do the job, so, please support the refunding Project Lambda.

R. Rossing  
Boston, MA

### who's in high school?

Dear GCN Editor,

I want to tell you how grateful and humble I am for the rave reviews of my collection of short stories, *The Revolt of the Perverts*, by your reviewer Robert Etherington in a recent issue. It is so good to see a young reviewer (he couldn't be further along than the tenth grade, could he?) speaking out in such sterling prose about the virtues of my book.

We can rest assured that literature is in good hands with youngsters like your reviewer because obviously he has written some worthwhile material himself and the world is going to hear about it any day now. No doubt he will write about the "deep" people that he knows from his own experience, just the way I have. I am so pleased he won't be adding to the sentimental gay fiction that praises us in art and tells us how wonderful and profound we are, when life so often tells us just the opposite.

Keep up the good work and continue to let high school students speak out about literature.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Curzon  
San Francisco

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### researching intimidation

To The Editor,

I would greatly appreciate it if you could publish the following in your "I letters to the Editor" column.

As a gay researcher in American gay history, I need assistance that some GCN readers might be able to offer. I am collecting data on some of the ways that gay people, especially in smaller cities and towns, have been intimidated by public exposure in newspaper reports. Probably most typical is the case of published "news" accounts of men arrested for "loitering" (or similar charges) at a known gay cruising location, such as a bus depot or train station.

As it would be impossible to read through hundreds of thousands of issues of local newspapers, these accounts can be located and studied only if people send me clippings or references to the newspapers, specifying the paper's name, city, and approximate (or exact) date. It will be especially useful to find earlier articles, but more recent ones are valuable too. I am trying to document one of the more low-level forms of oppression that seems widespread, but which is often overshadowed by the horrors of the Boise or Boston affairs, or other more violent types of intimidation.

I am aware that the people who have knowledge of this material are the very ones for whom the event was quite painful, or possibly tragic; but documenting the dimensions of the oppression in the past and present can contribute to overcoming it.

Please send clippings, xerox copies, references, or comments (anonymously if you wish) to me, c/o Department of History, S.U.N.Y., Binghamton, N.Y. 13901.

Prof. Bert Hansen  
Binghamton, N.Y.

### tired of emphasis

To The Editor:

Eve Roe Borenstein speaks not only for some lesbians "who have trouble getting past your current highlighting of boy-sex issues . . ." (in her letter to GCN, May 6, 1978). I doubt that I am the only gay man who has an identical reaction to what recently has seemed to be the almost constant emphasis on sex with boys in your news columns. (In fact I suppose it could be claimed that in a small way I have contributed to it since, incidental to my recent Analysis of the so-called "expert testimony" in Portland's U.S. District Court (GCN, April 29, 1978), it was necessary for me to summarize the issues at the kiddie-porn trial at which the "experts" were testifying.)

If you will permit a no-doubt flawed analogy, it is as if heterosexual readers of, for example, *The Nation* were, over the course of several months, repeatedly confronted with lead articles concerning the activities of the police or prosecutor in regard to the reputed activities of some straight male adults with girls. To carry the analogy one step further, such coverage would also include periodically heavy news of the raid and seizure of materials from, say, the London offices of *New Society* following their publication of an article entitled "Men Loving Girls Loving Men."

Perhaps my analogy is more than a little flawed. Perhaps straight male readers — even those of serious publications — *do* want to read about other men having sex with girls, and about the consequences thereof. But if that is true, maybe the analogy is not so flawed after all. Does your (male) readership want to read steadily about men and boys having sex together?

It may appear that with this letter, I am denying the seriousness of the threats to civil liberties upon which you have been reporting. I do not intend to (and have contributed to *The Body Politic's* defense fund). Rather I am questioning whether substantive news on the civil liberties violations has arisen as frequently as has your continuing coverage of each case.

Richard Steinman  
Whitefield, Maine

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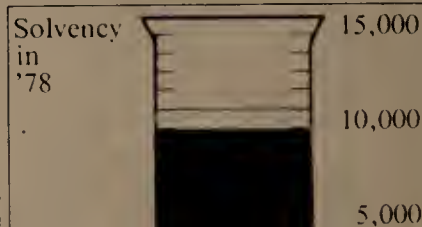
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# Lesbian Mothers

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other women," Solomon explained, "could not afford to talk at the rally for fear of losing their jobs or their children." Solomon spoke of the pressures that lesbian mothers feel to bring up the perfect child — the fear that if there is the least thing "different" about their child that this will "prove" that lesbians are unfit mothers. Solomon says she is fighting that pressure in her own life, but feels that "in order to really change society around these issues, lesbian mothers must band together."

Catherine Triantifillou, a lawyer who has been involved in custody cases, spoke about the patriarchal family and the "irony of celebrating Mother's Day in a society which devalues women." She mentioned the high incidence and the subtle condonation of wife abuse, sterilization abuse, and rape. She spoke about how certain cultural images tend to keep women in line — "the madonna-whore, the old maid, the dominating bitch." Her speech touched on how difficult it is for a woman to be a mother, unless she is also tied to a man who makes good money. "Our society has never taken responsibility for providing adequate daycare, maternity leave from work, or prenatal care. The only option for most mothers who are not dependent on men is to rely on a very de-humanizing welfare system."

A number of gay men were present at the rally as part of an organized men's contingent. When asked why he was there, one man explained that he sees the issues of "motherhood and control as very closely related to the oppression of all gay people. They have manipulated the issue of children. The myth of child molestation has been used to pit women against gay men. . . . The kinds of loving relationships that gay men may have with children are condemned by society because these adults recognize children as real people with their own rights. We aren't the nuclear family. We present people with other possibilities."

Participants in the rally appeared to be very moved by the speeches. During the afternoon, shoppers and strollers from the area stopped and listened to what was going on. Organizers of the rally distributed a long leaflet to passers-by about the issues of lesbian custody rights, abortion, welfare, sterilization abuse, and women having the right to make basic decisions about their own lives.

The Boston Lesbian Mothers celebration was part of a nationwide attempt to focus attention on the issues of lesbian mothers, and who this society allows to bear and raise children. In New York City more than 200 people came together Sunday evening, May 14. Andre Lorde, a black lesbian, read her poetry; Bev Grant

sang for the crowd, and a group of children performed.

Rallies were also held in Hartford, Portland, Ann Arbor (Mich.), and Seattle. One hundred people turned out in the rain for Seattle's demonstration, which focused both on lesbian mothers and the upcoming referendum in that city to repeal the gay civil rights ordinance. In Rhode Island, women organized a campaign to send family court judges mothers day cards.

## The Body Politic Appeals Case

TORONTO, Canada — The editors of *The Body Politic* have announced that they will go to the Supreme Court of Canada in a bid to quash the search warrant used to raid the newspaper's office last December.

"The recent revelations of abuse of police power in Canada, the warrantless break-ins, theft and arson, are frightening to a lot of people," said TBP Collective member Ed Jackson. "If our fighting this action can help focus attention on the extent of police power in this country, then our appeal to the Supreme Court will have been justified," Jackson added.

Pink Triangle Press, publisher of *The Body Politic*, is claiming that the warrant was illegal because it was so vaguely worded as to allow the police to take anything they wished. In fact, the police seized twelve cartons of material, including subscription lists and unpublished manuscripts. The raid came after the paper printed an article on "Men Loving Boys Loving Men."

In another development in the case TBP collective has learned that the police have obtained a judge's authorization to retain the materials seized for a further 12-month period. The paper was not permitted to argue against the court application for this authorization.

TBP has received support from groups and individuals including the Canadian Civil Liberties Association and eight Toronto city aldermen. Gay communities across Canada and as far away as London, San Francisco, and Melbourne, Australia have protested the police actions.

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## Andy Graham: 1936-1978

BOSTON — Thousands paid tribute last week to the memory of the late Harry Andrew Graham, who died suddenly in Erie, Penn., on May 8. Andy, as he preferred to be called, was a leader in the mental health profession and an early activist in the local gay rights movement.

He was born in Boston on April 27, 1936, and grew up in Wrentham. He received his bachelor's degree in Classical Arts and Letters from St. John's College in Annapolis, Md., in 1959. In 1966, he earned a master's degree in Religion from Florida State Christian College and was ordained as a Baptist minister one year later. He graduated from Massachusetts Bay Community College in 1969 with a degree in Nursing Science and, in 1976, was awarded a doctorate in Health Education from Clinton University.

Andy worked as a nightclub entertainer in Boston and New York during the early 1960s. In 1966, he met Jane Clingman at the Dramaturgy Guild in Boston. They married in 1967 and formed the Pilgrim's Theater



Andy Graham

Company, a cooperative theater project, and produced and directed over 80 musical productions at Boston's Old South Church. Jane and Andy also produced and directed the Gay Community News/Metropolitan Community Church Variety Show on April 4 of this year.

He was deeply committed to his ideals of improving mental health services, particularly for sexual minorities. Between 1964 and 1972, he held administrative and teaching positions at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center in Boston. In 1972, he

worked with the Tufts-New England Medical Center to establish the South Boston Community Day Hospital, where he was the psychiatric program director from 1974 until his death. At the same time, he was the executive director of his own private counseling agency, Counseling Associates of Boston, which provided alternative counseling and psychotherapy with a special emphasis on sexual minorities.

Andy was also the assistant medical director of Boston's Homophile Community Health Service from 1971 to 1975, a period during which he helped the agency grow to become one of the most prestigious of its kind in the country. He chaired dozens of programs and conferences across the United States on homosexuality and community mental health services and devoted enormous energy to the training of professionals in the field of mental health. Andy was a member of the American Nurses Association, the American Academy of Sexologists, the American Personnel and Guidance Association, and a national board member of the Federation of the Partial Hospitalization Study Groups, to name a few.

At the time of his death, he was on the staff of Tufts University, Tufts Medical School, Northeastern University School of Education, and Boston College School of Nursing.

Andy was also a pioneer in the early gay rights movement on the East Coast, beginning with the Mattachine Society in New York during the 'sixties. He later helped found the Boston chapter of Mattachine and was involved in the early days of the former Homophile Union of Boston.

Donald McGaw, who served as executive director of the Homophile Community Health Service for many years, praised Andy for his untiring work on behalf of the community. "He sacrificed a great deal — I don't know what we would have done without him," said McGaw. "He was a very important person in my life. The community has lost a very important person."

In addition to his wife, Jane, he leaves his son, Anthony Andrew, and a sister, Ruth O'Connell, all of Jamaica Plain, and his parents, Harry and Ruth Graham of Bradford, N.H. Burial was in Sunny Plains Cemetery in Bradford, N.H.

## Briggs Files

SAN FRANCISCO — California State Senator John Briggs has filed petitions with the Secretary of State's office with more than 600,000 signatures calling for a state-wide initiative. The initiative, if passed, would prohibit the hiring and require the dismissal of any teacher or public school employee who engaged in the "advocating, soliciting, imposing, encouraging, or promoting of private or public homosexual acts directed at, or likely to come to the attention of school children and other employees." Only 312,000 signatures were needed to put the initiative on the November ballot, so most observers feel that Briggs and his organization "Defend Our Children" have been successful in their efforts to put the issue before the voters.

Briggs, at the time of filing the petitions, said, "It's time we got rid of those people who want to lead an openly immoral life and expect a 21-gun salute every time they go past. If they want to lead quiet, decent lives, playing cards in their bedrooms or doing other things quietly, they would not be affected by this initiative."

More than 40 people demonstrated against Briggs as he filed the petitions. Their chants included "2-4-6-8 save our children from the State" and "9-7-5-3 smash male supremacy." Jan Zobel, a member of a group called Lesbian Schoolworkers, said the Briggs initiative would lead to a repeat of the McCarthy witch hunts of the 1950s.

The Bay Area Committee Against the Briggs Initiative (BACABI) believes that the "initiative affects the rights of all people, for any school worker — homosexual or heterosexual — could be fired for expressing an opinion in support of gay rights, in or outside the classroom. Indeed, the Briggs initiative is a serious threat to the civil liberties of all Californians. Women, minorities, and organized labor must unite with the gay movement to protect the freedom of speech and right of employment."

BACABI, along with other groups, are trying to focus San Francisco's Gay Freedom Day (June 25) as an anti-Briggs demonstration. Paula Lichtenberg of BACABI told GCN, "In the same manner as people turned out to last year's demonstration because of the Dade County vote, we hope to get people out this year because of the upcoming Briggs vote."

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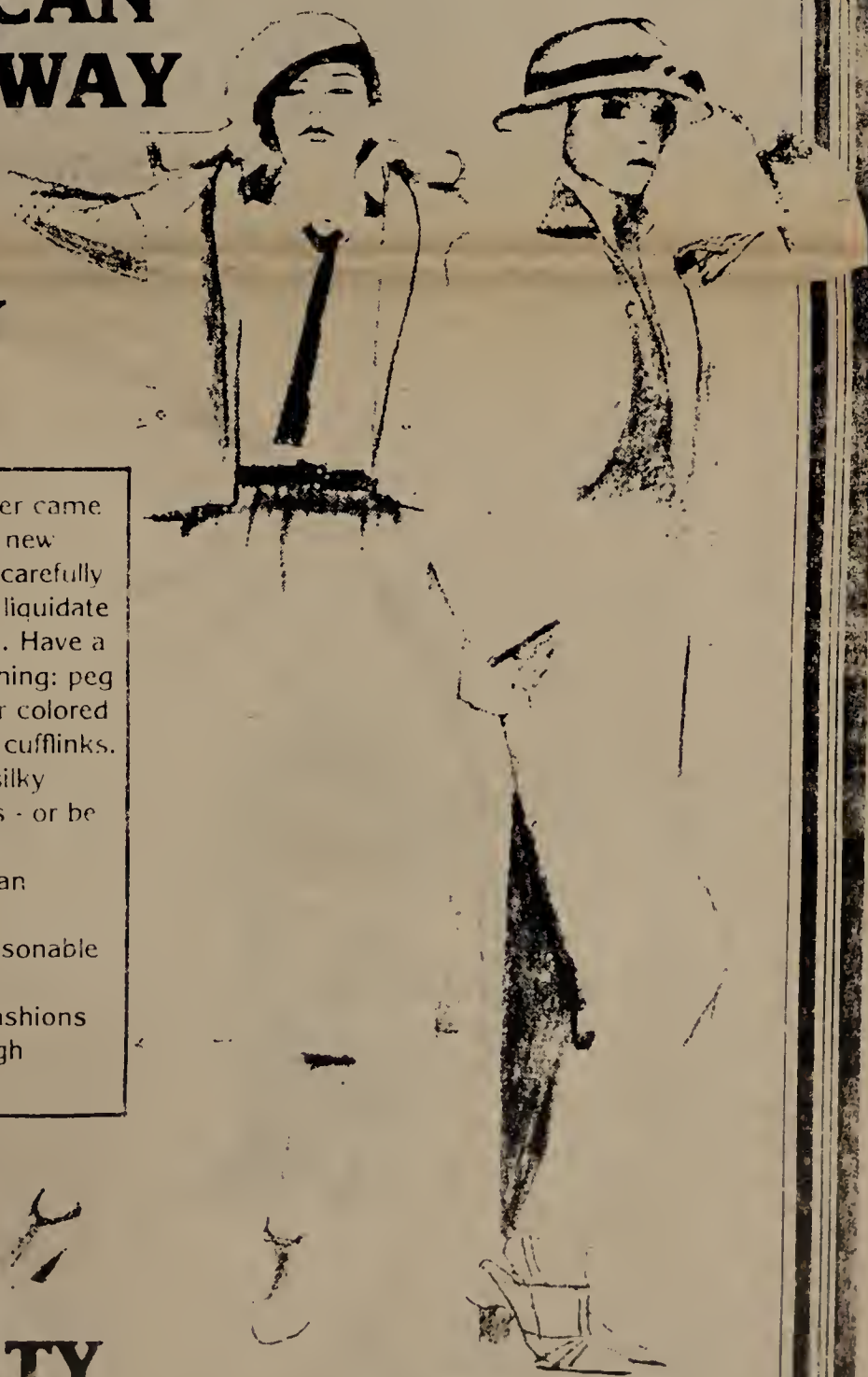
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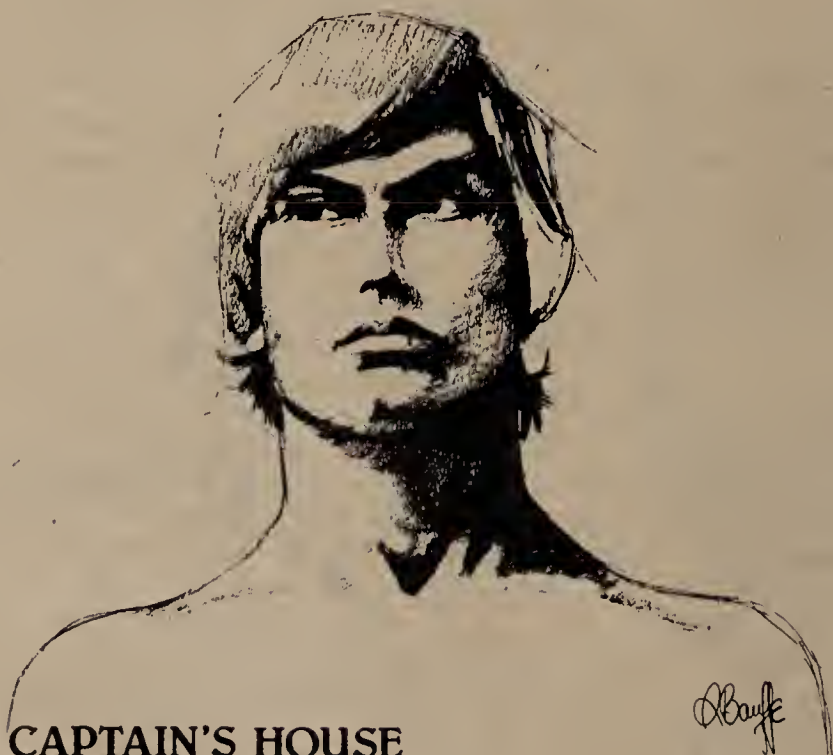
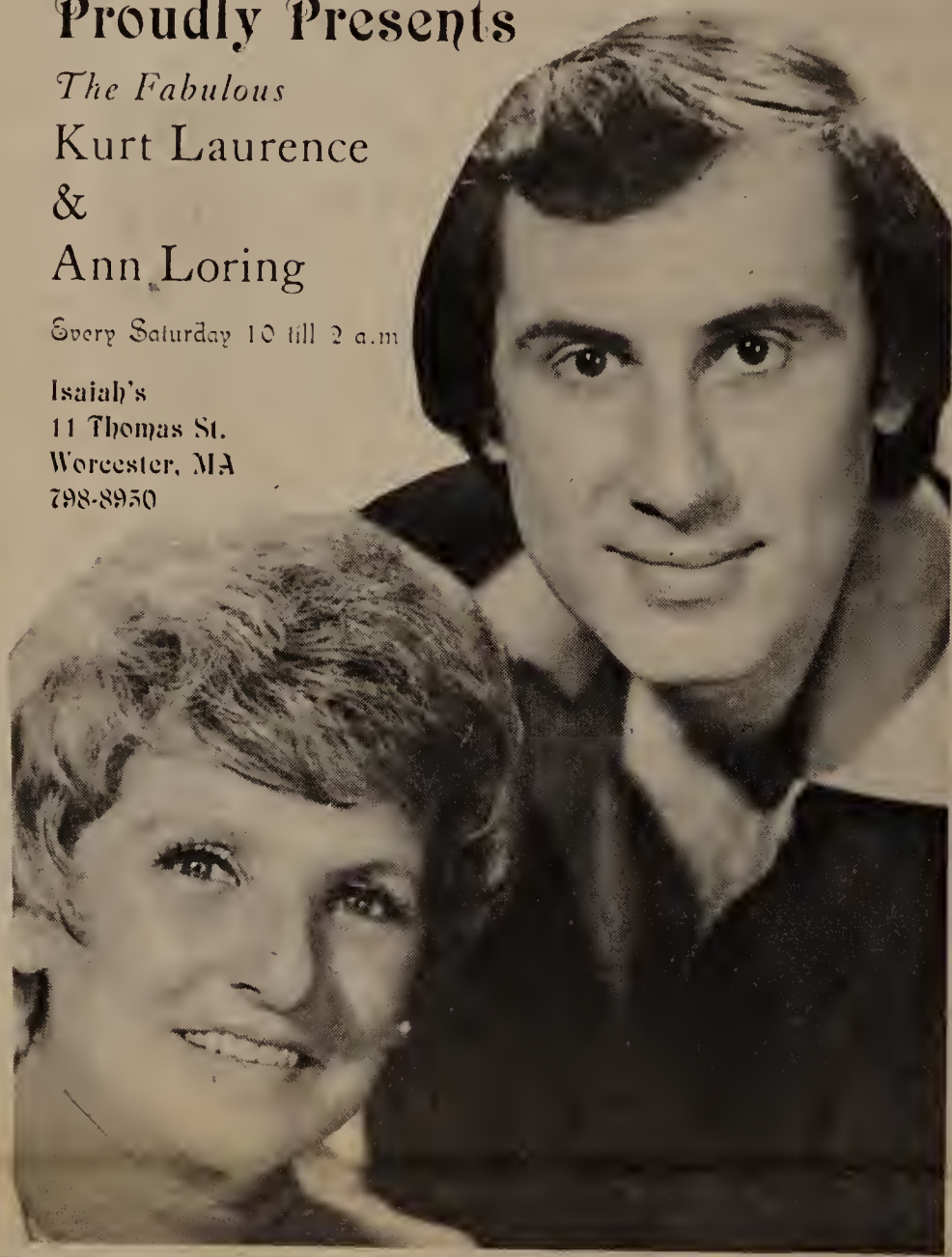
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# Senate: Noble, O'Neill, Tsongas

By David Brill

BOSTON — Rep. Elaine Noble's candidacy for U.S. Senate marched on last week, but not without a good scare from a member of one of the most prominent political families in Massachusetts. The course of events began on May 9 when it was reported that Lt. Gov. Thomas P. O'Neill III had decided to enter the Democratic primary for the Senate race, after reviewing the results of a statewide poll. O'Neill, who is the son of U.S. House Speaker "Tip" O'Neill, had previously endorsed Noble for the nomination.

O'Neill also reportedly made his senatorial aspirations known to Gov. Michael Dukakis, who immediately began securing support for Norfolk County District Atty. William D. Delahunt as his new running-mate. David Liederman, the governor's chief secretary, told reporters that O'Neill was "99% sure" of entering the race.

Noble then reportedly asked O'Neill to explain his decision to her longtime aide and campaign manager, Santa Fareri. O'Neill spoke of politics being a "hard ball game" and Fareri angrily snapped back, "This isn't a game, this is government." O'Neill, according to newspaper accounts, at that point considered Fareri to be insolent, and asked her to leave the room.

But by Saturday afternoon, O'Neill had undergone a change of heart and announced that he would not enter the race to oppose Sen. Edward Brooke, but would instead seek re-election as lieutenant governor. "To run for the Senate, you've got to feel it in the pit of your stomach," he told reporters, "and I just didn't." While the announcement was of great relief to Noble and the other announced candidates — Rep. Michael Connolly (D-Roslindale) and Hampden Register of Deeds John P. Lynch — it also



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Dear Mr. Brill:

Lieutenant Governor O'Neill has asked me to respond to your letter of January 25th. First, let me apologize for the lateness of the reply.

You asked whether the Lieutenant Governor is supporting Elaine Noble for the United States Senate in the event that she is running in the Democratic primary against Representative Michael Connolly. The answer quite simply is yes.

Again, my apologies for the delay in responding to your inquiry.

Sincerely,

*Paul F. Nace, Jr.*  
Paul F. Nace, Jr.  
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Lt. Gov. O'Neill endorsed the Noble candidacy in this letter to GCN's David Brill.

On Wednesday afternoon, O'Neill met with Noble at his State House office to tell her his plans and attempt to dissuade her from continuing her campaign. Though Noble has denied it, sources close to her campaign state that she was seriously considering bowing out of the race at that point because O'Neill — with his familial connections and previous statewide recognition — would have been heavily favored. *Boston Globe* political columnist David Farrell reported that Noble even cancelled a substantial printing order — which the representative has also denied.

Details of the Noble-O'Neill meeting were first revealed by *Globe* writer Ken Hartnett on May 13. Hartnett claimed Noble was "stunned" when the lieutenant governor told her his intentions, apparently feeling betrayed since he had endorsed her two months ago.

frustrated Democratic leaders in the state, who apparently felt that O'Neill would have been the strongest candidate against Brooke.

U.S. Rep. Paul E. Tsongas (D-Lowell) entered the race when O'Neill's final plans became known. The Fifth District legislator said he decided to sacrifice his thoroughly safe congressional seat after some urging by party leaders — including O'Neill, who still apparently intends to backtrack on his earlier commitment to Noble.

Noble herself held a press conference on May 16 to announce her plans to remain in the race no matter who else enters. She called the contest "something out of Looney-Tunes Presents" and said that Tsongas, a popular second-term congressperson with impeccable liberal credentials, "is not a major political figure" and does not threaten her candidacy.

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# A Rock Star Who's Glad To Be Gay

## TOM ROBINSON

By Tony Vitale

There is a new gay anthem in town these days and it's not heard in the discos. Called "(Sing if You're) Glad to be Gay" and performed by the Tom Robinson Band, the song is a satirical attack on gay complacency in response to a conservative homophobic backlash in England. The Tom Robinson Band (generally called the TRB) is perhaps more well-known for its single "2-4-6-8 Motorway" which was in the Top 5 in England late last year and has had respectable success on rock stations in this country. These two songs represent the two sides of Tom Robinson, the social commentator and the rock'n roller.

The unique factor about the TRB is that its lead singer and main lyricist is openly gay. In fact, the band's logo is a raised, clenched fist. The rest of the band is heterosexual but fully supportive of Robinson's positions. Not a band that deals only with gay music, the TRB takes a wide variety of liberal stances. Robinson himself is a member of Rock Against Racism (English rock musicians opposed to the National Front, a neo-Nazi group), the National Abortion Campaign, and the Campaign for Homosexual Equality (CHE). He feels very strongly about his moral commitment to honesty which is why he can be open about being gay without flaunting it like some other rock stars.

In his first interview (in England's *Gay News* in early 1975), Robinson spoke of the importance of coming out of the closet:

"If every gay in Britain was to come out overnight, an awful lot of the prejudice and ignorance that abounds among hets would disappear. This is a thing that so many people don't realise about coming out. They imagine that if they come out people will think they're a 'nasty queer'; whereas in fact when one comes out with one's friends they change their ideas of what a 'nasty queer' is."

Tom Robinson, although he considers himself a "wishy-washy liberal" and "more reformist than revolutionary," is committed to his social positions and has claimed "I support causes I don't even know exist!" He would rather be known as a good musician but "if you're going to have an image — if you have to have an image over and above the music — then I don't mind it being agitprop set to music." TRB's lyrics reflect that attitude; the songs are easy to sing along with and yet they are relevant. There are no sloppy love songs or "oh, what a gay day" (Tom's phrase) tunes. The lyrics are as hard-hitting as the music and it's that quick one-two to the head that puts the message across.

According to Robinson, the music is more important than the lyrics if you wish to make your message accessible.

"Who changed society more? Elvis [Presley] or Country Joe McDonald? Elvis or the MC 5? If we can get one kid out of 1,000 to quit Paki-bashing or queer-bashing we'll have accomplished something. But we've got to deliver straight-down-the-line rock . . . It has to be the music that people enjoy before we can do anything else with it."

Robinson's connection with the new wave is simple to see. Not that his music is all that original (though it may be a unique fusion of various rock forms) but the feeling and power that he injects into it is a refreshing change to the escapist fluff that now passes for rock (Fleetwood Mac, Jefferson Starship, Yes, Eagles, *et al.*). I am reminded more



of Elvis Costello than the Kinks, the group to whom the TRB is usually compared. The reason for Costello's success is the tremendously energizing pace of the music. "Glad to be Gay" seems to have that same spark, very listenable and yet the message gets delivered with unavoidable impact. The ability to educate without having to propagandize is the real power of rock music.

"(Sing if You're) Glad to be Gay" is a song of great force. The first time Robinson performed it was at a Gay Pride Rally in Hyde Park. According to Tom,

"Halfway through singing it a message came through from the police: 'If he doesn't shut up we'll arrest him.' I had to stop in mid-song. Mind you, [it] isn't the most pro-police song. A real heavy show of strength — like, 'You may *think* you're liberated, but just don't come it!'"

One can see that the song has progressed a long way, now that predominantly heterosexual audiences are singing along on the chorus. For those who have not heard the song, "GTBG" is a biting satirical attack on police repression in the bars, reactionary editorials in the newspapers, "queer-bashing" ("Don't try to kid us that if you're discreet/ You're perfectly safe as you walk down the street/ You don't

have to mince or make bitchy remarks/ To get beaten unconscious and left in the dark"), and traitors to the cause ("I lie to your workmates, lie to your folks/ Put down the queens, tell anti-queer jokes"). The music is rather anthem-like and strident, and Robinson's slightly grating vocals push the lyrics right up front. The song is actually a follow-up to a song Tom wrote in 1975 for CHE that was simply called "Glad to be Gay" which expounded the fact that "It's a natural fact that it's good to be gay." The next year proved to him that other people did not feel the same way he did and the conservative backlash led to a much tougher sequel.

"(Sing)" is recorded live and was originally released on the "TRB Rising" EP with three other live songs: "Right On Sister," showing solidarity with our fighting sisters; "Don't Take No for an Answer," about Kink Ray Davies, to whom Robinson was once signed; and "Martin," a vaudevillian tribute to a fictitious brother. These songs, along with TRB's first single, "2-4-6-8 Motorway," and its flip, "I Shall be Released" have been repackaged on a 12" disc and are included as a bonus in the new album to be released May 22 on

Capitol EMI. Entitled "Power in the Darkness," it contains ten new songs, all but one of which are highly political. Included are "Ain't Gonna Take It," "You Gotta Survive," "Winter of '79" (about one man's political conversion in the face of repression), "Long Hot Summer," "You Better Decide Which Side You're On," "Up Against the Wall" (a right-wing authority speaks out against blacks, gays, scroungers, long hairs, etc.), "The Man You Never Saw," "Too Good to be True," "Grey Cortina" (a non-political tune for the car of his dreams) and the title track. It is produced by Chris Thomas who has previously worked with the Sex Pistols, Roxy Music, and Procol Harum. The group is managed by Steve O'Rourke (who also manages Pink Floyd).

The Tom Robinson Band at the time of recording consisted of four members (the keyboardist has since left). Robinson, 27, plays bass and sings lead vocals. Danny Kustow, the macho lead guitarist, is the co-frontman for the band and helps shift the focus off the political issues and onto the music. Robinson sees Kustow as his necessary foil, especially in songs like "Glad to be Gay" where Kustow's back-up vocals bring the band over an obvious hump in the show. His closest resemblance, musically, is to Keith Richards of the Stones, particularly in his close packing of notes and in the firebrand power he brings to the performances. Brian "Dolphin" Taylor, the drummer, is a proficient rock musician who knows the importance of a compelling beat. Mark Ambler added the right improvisational touch with his keyboards, which helped in smoothing out the roughness. Just sixteen when he joined the group last year, his interest is in more musically progressive bands like Gong and Soft Machine. Robinson prefers a tight-fisted, no-nonsense approach to music, and stresses the importance of the simplicity of the music without betraying its power. "The secret to playing three chords is to *mean* three chords as you play them. No amount of fancy technique will put that over."

Hopefully, when TRB tours in June they will come up to Boston. If they do, it will probably be to one of the local rock clubs (Cantone's, the Rat, or the Club). The decor is not what you find in the discos (bring out your faded blue jeans and dated t-shirts), but go anyway. The Boston rock scene is very open towards sexual preference and it should be a great show.

The Tom Robinson Band may not push the Bee Gees out of top place on the sales charts but they are sure to make a good showing. Success will not spoil Robinson, however, and he says that if he ever sells out his fans should throw rocks at his Rolls (if he ever gets past that Ford Cortina). At the very least, TRB is proving that it is not anachronistic to show commitment. But enough of this. I've got to go back to listening to the album.

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*I am interested in seeing if there is any response to the new wave music in the gay community. If you have any comments, views, or questions concerning this new phase of rock, I would be anxious to hear from you and I will try to answer to the best of my knowledge. Write care of GCN and I will also write to tell you where to hear the new rock on the radio and where to go to see it. . .*



# Musical Outreach

By Pat M. Kuras

The "Music in Women," a series of four benefit concerts, has been launched through the co-operative efforts of Jacqui Mac (manager of Boston Club '76) and Jill Heine and Juanita Colon, two program directors from the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Framingham. The concerts share a two-fold purpose: to act as fundraisers to provide opportunities/entertainment for MCI residents and to open communication with the outside community and MCI.

Two of these benefits have already taken place. On May Day, Jacqui Mac presented a disco for residents and their guests at MCI-Framingham, while on May 14, direct from New York City, Baby Bones and Company appeared at Jacqui's Club '76. The third event is a huge concert of local Boston talent. This event will not be open to the public, as it is being presented for MCI residents. However, the fourth and final event will be a re-creation of that concert, which will be open to the public.

The formation of the "Music in Women" series happened through a neat quirk of fate — individuals coming together and sharing dreams. Juanita Colon, Recreation Officer at the prison, is also a member of La Triba, an astounding women's percussion group. La Triba had their first official gig at MCI-Framingham last summer. Experiencing La Triba is an electrifying event, and the Framingham residents were ecstatic. Jill Heine, currently Director of Community Services at MCI, was just a volunteer at that time last year, and the residents' response to La Triba was so overwhelming, it left a definite impact on her. She envisioned providing drum classes for the inmates. For several months, her dreams lay dormant.

Jacqui Mac is active in various aspects of the music industry; however, she is probably most noted for her accomplishments as a woman disc jockey. (She was recently honored by the First Annual Women's Disco DJ Awards.) She has acted as DJ at Provincetown's ever-popular Pied Piper and her own Club '76 here in Boston.

Jacqui met Juanita and Jill through a conga class in which they were all enrolled as students. They were well aware of each other's musical talents/interests. It was only a short matter of time before their ideas clicked and connected. Jill and Juanita asked Jacqui to do a disco at MCI sometime. This was ironic, as Jacqui had been considering the idea of producing a series of concerts for the prison.

Perhaps some discussion of the institution would be helpful at this point. MCI-Framingham is the one and only state prison for women in Massachusetts. In 1973, the prison went co-ed. Jill Heine explains, "People who were doing well at Walpole, Concord [etc.] get classified to come to MCI [Framingham] as a step outward for them." They are approximately "100 women and 30 men" there.

I was saddened to hear of the disappointments that have plagued the residents at MCI. As Jill says, "We've had bands come in [to play] that have been fantastic and donated their services. But a lot of [the] time, bands don't have the transportation, so it costs them to come up and they're really hesitant. I can understand that." Many times, bands have made a commitment to play and simply do not show up. The people at MCI anxiously await their nightly recreation, and when a band fails to show, it is a crushing disappointment. Sometimes a band will call to

cancel a half-hour after they were scheduled to begin their opening set; some just don't call at all. When you're stuck on the inside and can't get out, you don't need someone ruining your free time through their irresponsibility. It just isn't fair.

However, anyone at the prison can attest to the fact that there were no disappointments when Jacqui Mac came to play. The May Day disco was a booming success, and MCI folks are frantically begging for Jacqui's return. It was a wild night and, to rely on a cliché, the place was really smokin'. Well after the music ended, people were still dancing in their cottages. It was a unique change for Jacqui, who is accustomed to playing to club crowds. At a club, if people dislike a particular song, they will simply sit it out and wait for the next

anger [and] aggression," as well as "get[ting] them [the residents] to use their bodies in a constructive way. It gives them a sense of who they are and [a] sense of self-confidence."

On May 14, Jacqui Mac's club '76 presented Baby Bones and Company in a benefit performance to support the "Music in Women" series. Baby Bones is marvelously described as "cosmic-punkdiscocabarock". These three gay men provide the most unusual and entertaining night of music/dance/theater that I have experienced in a long time. They were well-received at the Sahara, a women's disco in NYC, and will be touring eastern Massachusetts. David Brenowitz is the dynamic drummer and Ken Stevens is the keyboard maestro who lends supporting vocals. With his platform boots, silver-sheen suit, and

A massive concert is in the works for June 7 at MCI-Framingham; however, it is open only to the residents. On Wednesday, June 21, that same concert will be repeated for the public at the Arlington Street Church at 7:30 in the evening. The p.a. and sound system are being donated by Lioness Sound, an all-women sound company. As of this writing, several local women artists will be on hand to perform. They are: Carol Berman, Donna Price, Ellic Lee & Ellie Cutler, Sherli Sherwood, Michelle Gabow, Debbie Houston, and Jodie Shapiro. The concert promises to be exciting, and tickets will be available the first week in June at New Words, Redbook, and Strawberries. Volunteers are needed for setting up chairs and general servicing throughout the concert. You may contact Jacqui Mac at Club '76 or



Baby Bones and Company

Photo by Angela Russo

one — but not the gang at MCI!

Jacqui gleefully recalls, "Oh, yeah. That audience was right there, honey. They didn't let 3 bars of music get out of those speakers without telling me whether they liked it or not. And if they didn't like it, you took it off the turntable in 30 seconds. I remember there was one song, and a woman in the audience said, 'You can cut that now. That's enough, cool it. Jill, do you think she heard me? I said she can cut it.' It was wonderful!"

There was nothing tough or malicious in the woman's "request". Quite the opposite, it was pure and innocent. At Jacqui's jailhouse rock, the residents weren't merely an audience; they were full participants, completely attuned to the music.

Jacqui's disco was the first step in establishing a link between the prison and the outside community. The people of MCI love music and Jacqui, Jill and Juanita hope to obtain musical instruments for the inmates, plus initiate a network of music teachers offering classes. There are many areas to the total outreach program but music, as Jacqui states, "[is] the dimension that's the most influential." Jill is excited about upcoming music programs, as well as the prison's other activities — sports, yoga, theater. As she says, such programs are "a way to get out a lot of

bald noggin, Paul Vanase is the ultimate space cherub gone mad. My particular favorites in the performance were "Dead Movie Star" and, of course, the witchy "Wonderful Woman," which Paul dedicated to the predominantly women's audience.

The response to Baby Bones was mixed. Some of their material would have been better suited to a strictly gay male audience. The appearance of Baby Bones caused several bewildered bar patrons to scratch their heads and trickle from the bar to seek more appropriate pastures. Yet what is essential to note is that these fine *gay men* performed a benefit *in support of a women's project*. As Jacqui states: "Music is neuter. It's part of a creative process and it can identify with everyone. The objective of this benefit is for women. Musicians [Baby Bones], who are male, [are] sharing their support for the need for people to experience music and those people are women. I feel that the men of Baby Bones deserve applause for their unifying consciousness, as well as their "cosmic punk."

By the way, the publicity posters for the Baby Bones/Framingham benefit were designed by Sanoe Talaro, a woman graphic artist. The poster shows a caged dove, and the dove consists of a collage of women's faces from MCI.

Jill Heine at MCI-Framingham for any assistance you may be able to offer.

Jacqui, Jill and Juanita are highly impressed with the progress of the project. Jacqui says "there's a lot of hard work involved — writer's cramp, sweating, hoarse voices from the phone, but it pays off and it's fun." They have come into contact with sincere people offering individual services and talents, not to mention lasting friendships. The "Music in Women" series appears to be beneficial and enriching to everyone involved.

So often with collective projects, one member falls through and doesn't come through on commitments; but Jacqui, Jill and Juanita have done a tremendous co-operative job. Jacqui says, "It's such an incredible high to work with people who are equally responsible." They are appreciative of each other and their individual talents.

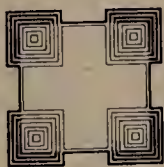
In the words of Jacqui Mac, the "Music in Women" series has become "a concept of not only gathering money to use inside the prison but also to establish a once-and-for-all open network between the outside community and the inmates." The three women hope to obtain donated second-hand instruments and establish a network of teachers donating time and energy to conduct classes.



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# An Evening with

By Warren Blumenfeld

The classroom was like a small auditorium with stepped aisles going up and back twenty or thirty rows. In front of the room was a podium placed upon a stationary counter. A black board (green) was on the wall nearest the counter. The seating capacity of the room was 400. Counting those standing in the back, there were at least 475 people staring down at us.

We were seated between a small table and the counter. There were three of us, a lesbian and two gay men, speaking to a group of sociology and psychology students at Dean Jr. College in Franklin, Mass. on the evening of May 3.

At first all of us were really nervous, owing in part to some of the comments we heard while waiting to go in. Not knowing who we were, some students said things like, "I ain't staying long to hear THEM", or "I don't see why we have to go listen to homo's anyway." It became clear to us that they were required by their professors to attend this discussion of gayness led by three representatives of the Gay Speakers Bureau. Carrying their notebooks and pens, they slid into the room and many sat down as far back as possible.

When we entered the room, the first two rows were completely empty. The atmosphere was frenzied. All eyes turned in our direction and nervous giggles rang out as we walked to the front of the room. We placed our supply of *GCNs* and *Sajourners* on the counter and took our seats.

The professor whom I had talked with a few times over the past three weeks came and greeted us. "I saw you all standing outside, but I didn't realize you were the speakers," he said. "You all look so young." We didn't know exactly what he meant by that comment, as he extended his hand.

"Well, it's all yours," he continued. "You can handle it any way you wish."

In the car on the way to Franklin, we had decided to give a short introduction about ourselves, then open it up to a question/answer session. I was the first to speak. I gave a brief comment about the speakers bureau, that we were an educational organization sending speakers on request to civic groups, schools, hospitals, religious organizations, etc. Then I told them a bit about myself, that I am a teacher of handicapped children and among the courses I teach are academic subjects and sex-education. I also helped to write the sex-ed curriculum for the school where I work. When I mentioned this, mouths in the audience visibly opened; questions were being formulated.

Nancy Wechsler was the next to speak. She gave a brief background about her involvement with the *Gay Community News* as acting news editor and touched somewhat on her personal life: her lover, her family, her realization of her own lesbianism.

Allan Singer then spoke about his interests in psychology and his study in the area of human interactions. Then he invited everyone to join him in some deep breathing relaxation exercises. This helped to ease some of the tension floating around. Some people closed their eyes while others simply took deep breaths. Then Allan said, "I would like to try a simple experiment. I am going to say one word and I would ask you to allow yourselves to center on the first image or word that comes to your mind. Ready? The word is 'homosexual'."

After a moment break, we opened up the floor to questions. Most of the questions centered around the following areas: our relationships with our parents and straight people; whether or not as gay people we wanted to have children; if we did have children, what influence we would have in determining our child's sexuality; the influence gay teachers have on students; our opinion of Anita Bryant and orange juice; the prevalence of role-playing in gay relationships; whether or not we have had a sexual relationship with someone of the opposite sex; what forms of discrimination we have felt in the past, while growing up, and recently in our everyday lives; whether or not we think we will be gay for the rest of our lives; what we are looking for in a lover; the things we would like to see changed in our society; the reasons for our gayness; our opinions about marriage, monogamy, motherhood, and members of the opposite sex.

The questions were presented in a variety of ways. Some were stated with obvious hostility, some with fear, concern, ignorance, naivete, ridicule. Though there were many emotions traveling around, most eyes were fixed on us and few people left the room before two full hours had lapsed. About half stayed for the entire two and one-half hours. The security guard eventually had to throw us out for staying over time.

Our responses to their questions varied. Since most of the questions centered around the relationships of gays and children, Nancy in particular threw the questions back to them. "Where is your question coming from?" was one of her responses. "What concerns do YOU have for asking this?" "What have you heard about gays and children?" These students seemed to have difficulty accepting gays as parents and teachers; however, a good give and take discussion did develop around this topic.

This approach of throwing questions back sparked thoughts in me of my own college experiences. For the most part, most of my college education courses were pretty worthless, but one statement a professor of mine made to us stands out in my mind. "The word 'teach' does not mean 'to put information into minds', but rather it means 'to pull out what is already there'." By having these students at this discussion understand their own motives, they



The Steering Committee of GSB: Gary Ralph, Warren Blumenfeld, David Peterson, Ann Wadsworth, Nancy Wechsler.  
Photo by Angela Russo



# the Gay Speakers Bureau

probably got more out of the evening than if we had merely routinely answered each question placed before us.

We did, however, answer specific questions. With the use of the green board, Allan explained the incidence of gayness as mentioned in the Kinsey studies; I stated that what I am looking for in another man is the trust to shed tears and share joys, someone with whom I can go to the movies and the symphony, someone from whom I can ask for space alone, and someone with whom I share good sex; Nancy said that one day she might wish to have a child, but right now she is undecided.

After we all answered a few questions, I came back to Allan's initial exercise. I wanted to hear their responses to the word 'homosexual'. After some reluctance, a few brave individuals shouted out words like: sick, perverted, gross, transvestites, gay, queer. Momentum soon built up and others echoed these same words. Then a woman from the back of the room said, "OK, now that we said what we were thinking, what is the first word that comes to your mind when I say the word 'straight' ". Without thinking, I shouted, 'boring'. I'm sure I blushed a bit as people began to laugh and applaud. This comic relief was sorely needed to clear the air and let people relax into their seats.

During the evening, many other notable incidents occurred, but one that particularly sticks out in my mind is when one of the students asked, "What kinds of discrimination and oppression do you feel?" As the three of us were deciding which one would answer, from outside in the hall came a booming, "YOU FUCKIN' QUEERS". This seemed to be coincidental to the previous question, but it did startle those of us inside the room. One of us picked up the question by saying, "Well, for one thing, comments like that one out in the corridor are a form of oppression. This can be psychologically damaging if you don't have the support of other gay people." A few of the students apologized for the comment and we continued with the questioning.

Another type of question that kept coming up concerned itself with the causes of gayness. Translated into a statement, many students felt we were gay because of bad encounters we had had in our past with members of the opposite sex. We dealt with this question by having them look at the reasons why some of them are attracted to members of the opposite sex. I made a simple distinction, "We are gay not because we are repulsed by members of the opposite sex but rather because we are attracted to members of the same sex. Gayness is a positive attraction toward, not a reaction away from."

The evening ended at 9:30, some two and one-half hours after it began. There is no accurate way to measure how much these students actually got from us, but one thing is clear. The very fact of our presence placed the issue of gayness before them. They at least know now that we are real people instead of mere slanted news stories in the newspapers, on radios and TV, or simply the easy target of comedians in their jokes and police in their raids. Maybe they will think twice before they automatically put down gay people; maybe we will be seeing some of them in our Gay Pride demonstrations, bars, and organizations, because I am certain that in such a large group many were themselves gay, but for various reasons felt that they could not come out.

These may be high hopes, but I am certain of one thing: Allan, Nancy and I came away with the feeling that we learned something, as other speakers from the bureau have on previous engagements. Each time we speak, our own gayness becomes more secure, more positive.

The evening at Dean Community College was the culmination of three weeks planning between myself, the professor, and the other speakers. The engagement allowed me to appear in front of the group, but usually I am on the other side of the speaking, usually behind the scenes. As coordinator of the Gay Speakers Bureau, my major function is to match speakers with engagements. At times I feel like a juggler doing a balancing act. Some speakers do not want to go into a setting which might be hostile, while some thrive where lots of hostility flows. Some will not appear in front of groups over 25 in number while others love groups over 200. Some have cars and

others do not. Matching people with speaking engagements is often frustrating and seemingly impossible, but somehow it always works out.

Some of the calls that I receive for engagements have come from professors of psychology or sociology courses in a local college or university. They would begin by saying, "I teach a course in abnormal psychology." or "I co-teach a course in social deviancy and I would like one or two speakers to talk on the topic of homosexuality." It is amazing how many times I hear the words "deviant" or "abnormal" in my conversations with professors. Most often, however, when a professor or school official calls, they state that they are holding human sexuality seminars which are open to the entire school and would like some Gay speakers.

An interesting call that I received recently was from a woman who teaches sex-ed in South Boston to 25 teen-agers between the ages of 13 and 19. All of these students have dropped out of high

school and most have had run-ins with the law. Some have been in jail. The teacher is attempting to cut into their negative opinions of gayness, especially for those who have been sexually abused by other inmates in jail. "Please have a speaker come to my class next week to speak to my students. They all have such negative attitudes about Gay people and those who were sexually assaulted in jail have so much anger and hostility that maybe your group can help them to see that all gay people do not conform to their stereotypes. It will be a difficult job, but an exciting one for your speakers."

"I'm sure it will be " I replied. I assured her that I would be able to send speakers who would enjoy speaking to her group. I told her that I always try to send at least one Lesbian and one Gay man to each engagement and after I lined them up, they would be contacting her.

When I receive a call, I have standard questions. I want to know the size of the group, the location of the engagement, the day and time, and a general background of the group members. This could also include a question about the areas of gayness that have been discussed previously in the class or group. I also tell the caller that we do accept

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# The Power of Words

*The following is the complete text of a speech delivered May 8, 1978 in support of the feminist occupiers of the Collegian offices at UMass, Amherst. The occupation was the result of an unsuccessful attempt to negotiate for adequate coverage of women's news in the newspaper.*

By Andrea Dworkin

In Berlin, in the late 1920's, Joseph Goebbels, soon to be Nazi Minister of Propaganda under Hitler, organized an antisemitic propaganda campaign that took the form of cartoons. These cartoons all ridiculed one individual, a Jewish police official. In one cartoon this man, broadly caricatured with a huge, crooked nose and derisively nicknamed "Isidor," is sitting on a pavement. He is leaning against a lamppost. A rope is around his neck. Flags emblazoned with swastikas fly from the rooftops. The caption reads: "For him too, Ash Wednesday will come." "Isidor" became a mocking synonym for Jew; the cartoons became a vehicle for attributing repulsive characteristics and behaviors to Jews as a group. The group official sued Goebbels to stop publication of the libelous, malicious material. Goebbels, making full use of democratic protections insuring free speech, was acquitted. On appeal, his acquittal was upheld because the court equated the word Jew with Protestant or Catholic. If there was no insult involved in calling a Protestant a Protestant, how could there be injury in calling a Jew a Jew?

In a world with no history of persecuting Jews because they are Jews, the decision would have made sense. But in this world, the one we still live in, all words do not have equal weight. Some words can be used to provoke the deepest hatred, the most resilient impulses toward slaughter. Jew is one such word. Goebbels used it cynically, with cunning, to provoke a genocide of nearly unparalleled monstrosity.

Another word that can be manipulated to induce both fear and violence is the word lesbian. In a time of burgeoning feminism, it is this word that spreaders of hate spit, whisper, and shout with varying degrees of contempt, ridicule, and threat.

We cannot afford to make the mistake made by the pre-Nazi German court: we cannot afford to overlook the real power and the real meaning of words or the real uses to which words are put.

It is no secret that fear and hatred of homosexuals permeate our society. But the contempt for lesbians is distinct. It is directly rooted in the abhorrence of the self-defined woman, the self-determining woman, the woman who is not controlled by male need, imperative, or manipulation. Contempt for lesbians is most often a political repudiation of women who organize in their own behalf to achieve public presence, significant power, visible integrity.

Enemies of women, those who are determined to deny us freedom and dignity, use the word lesbian to provoke a hatred of women who do not conform. This hatred rumbles everywhere. This hatred is sustained and expressed by virtually every institution. When male power is challenged, this hatred can be intensified and inflamed so that it is volatile, palpable. The threat is that this

hatred will explode into violence. The threat is omnipresent because violence against women is culturally applauded. And so the word lesbian, hurled or whispered as accusation, is used to focus male hostility on women who dare to rebel, and it is also used to frighten and bully women who have not yet rebelled.

When a word is used to provoke hatred, it does not matter what the word actually means. What matters is only what the haters insist it means — the meaning they give it, the common prejudices they exploit. In the case of the word lesbian, the haters use it to impute a gross, deviant masculinity to the uppity woman who insists on taking her place in the world. To women raised to be beautiful, compliant, and desirable (all in male terms), the word lesbian connotes a foul, repellent abnormality. It brings up women's deep dread of exile, isolation, and punishment. For women controlled by men, it means damnation.

It is horrifying, but not surprising, that the males on the Collegian — these boys who before your very eyes are becoming men — have used the word lesbian in the malicious way I have just described. With contempt and ridicule, they have been waging a furtive, ruthless propaganda campaign against the feminist occupiers. They are using the word lesbian to rouse the most virulent woman-hating on this campus. They are using the word lesbian to direct male hostility and aggression against the feminist occupiers. They are using the word lesbian to dismiss every just charge the feminist occupiers have made against them. They are using the word lesbian to justify their own rigid opposition to the simple and eminently reasonable demands these women have made. They are using the word lesbian to hide the true history of their own woman-hating malice in running that corrupt, pretentious, utterly hypocritical newspaper. They are using the word lesbian to cover over the threats of violence made before the occupation against the head of the Women's Department — threats of violence made by her male colleagues. They are using the word lesbian to cover up their consistent, belligerent refusal to publish crucial women's news. And, painfully but inevitably, they are using the word lesbian to divide women from women, to keep women staffers in line, to discourage them from associating with feminists or thinking for themselves. Intimidated by the malicious use of the word lesbian, women are afraid of guilt by association. Hearing the derision and the threats, good girls, smart girls, do what is expected of them.

Feminists are occupying the offices of the Collegian because words matter. Words can be used to educate, to clarify, to inform, to illuminate. Words can also be used to intimidate, to threaten, to insult, to coerce, to incite hatred, to encourage ignorance. Words can make us better or worse people, more compassionate or more prejudiced, more generous or more cruel. Words matter because words significantly determine what we know and what we do. Words change us or keep us the same. Women, deprived of words, are deprived of life. Women, deprived of a forum of words, are deprived of the power necessary to ensure both survival and well-being.

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## people, places and flings

By Eric Rogers

**Memorial Day** weekend is upon us and **P'town** is kicking off the '78 season! Among the highlights of the weekend will be **Village People** benefit concert at the Town Hall, several new restaurants opening on Commercial Street, and the opening of the **Before & After Cafe** in the **Pilgrim House Hotel**. Hosts at the cafe are **Gary Fredericks** and **Jim Foss** of Boston and I'm told that the atmosphere and food will be wonderful. Drop by for a cup of coffee and some pastry and welcome the boys to P'town.

Also arriving in **P'town** this week is GCN's advertising rep. **Ken Sjonnesen**. **Ken** will be in **P'town** all summer, so GCN advertisers should be on the look out for him. He's there to facilitate advertising accounts on the Cape for the paper.

Speaking of good food, one doesn't have to go to the Cape to have a delicious meal. **Darts** is now serving an international lunch from 11am-4pm daily. Stop by and taste the quiche . . . **TW's**, the new catering service, is serving tremendous food for your next party. They can handle crowds as well as quiet dinners for two. Call them at 536-8200 . . . **Sporters** is having a **Bikini Dance Contest** for Memorial Day . . . sounds exciting . . .

"Who designed this place?" is the question everyone is asking these days around the **Regency Health Center**. The new carpeting, psychedelic stripes on a chocolate-brown background, and the renovated lounge are bringing more and more people to the **Regency's Four-for-All** nights from 4-9pm Tuesdays through Fridays . . . Answer to the question: **Dick Woods** is the designer extraordinaire . . .

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The **Boston Men's Center** is holding a **Men's Sharing Evening** on Tuesday night, May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Somerville Multiservice Center, 1 Summer St. The

evening will include a workshop on how men judge men physically, and a massage workshop . . . **Nightclub Cantata**, the Obie award winning off-Broadway musical revue, directed and composed by **Elizabeth Swados**, will be on **WGBH Channel 2 TV** on Tuesday, May 23 at 9 p.m. For those of you who remember our stories on the show by **Jim Marko**, be sure not to miss it . . .

**Craig Russell's Outrageous** will be showing Sunday through Tuesday, May 28-30 at 7 and 9 pm at the **Nickelodeon Fine Arts Center**, 19 Summer St., Maynard, Mass. . . . The **Lesbians & Gay Teachers Group** will have their second meeting on Wednesday, May 24, at 7 p.m. at 355 Boylston St. in Boston. Please be there on time. Don't miss the formation of this new group . . .

The **Manufacturing Company** will perform **Employees Only**, a play about work, at the Charles Street Meeting House on Wednesdays through Saturdays, May 24-27, and May 31-June 3 at 8:30 p.m. each evening . . . The show is composed of several vignettes, each focusing on contradictions within working relationships and the work process. It sounds interesting, so put it in on your calendar . . .

The Esplanade is blooming these days, with lots of suntanned bathing beauties and joggers. It's so nice to have the warm weather back and a little excitement back in the city . . . Enjoy . . .

The social event of the season has recovered from an initial setback and is back on the calendar with a new date. **Spring for GCN**, an all-day benefit sponsored by the **Community for GCN**, will be held **Sunday June 18** from noon until 2am at **The Club Max** at Park Sq. The Club is literally being handed over on a silver platter to the benefit committee thanks to the remarkable cooperation of **John Burr**, the Max's general manager. The club's dress code has been suspended for the day and drink prices will be lowered. Tickets are \$5. (a steal for a buffet, disco tea dance, auction, fashion show and dance contest). Further information is available from co-chairpeople **Michael Campbell** 267-0587 or **Judy Previte** at 247-7441.

## Dworkin

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When all news pertaining to women is omitted from a newspaper, or distorted beyond recognition, a crime is being committed against women. It is a bitter irony that this crime is euphemistically called "objective journalism." It is another bitter irony that when women attempt to stop the crime, they are accused of impeding something called "free speech." It is interesting that the phrase "objective journalism" always means the exclusion of hard-hitting women's news and it is curious how the valiant defenders of so-called free speech threaten violence to shut women up. Marxists call these perplexing phenomena "contradictions."

Feminists call them facts.

I say to you that the men who control the *Collegian* have used words to foster ignorance and to encourage bigotry; to keep women invisible, misinformed, and silent; to threaten and bully; to ridicule and demean. It is shameful to continue to tolerate their flagrant contempt for women, for lesbians; for words, for news, for simple fairness and equity. It is honorable and right to take from them the power they have so abused. I hope that you will strip them of it altogether. In the words of the great Emmeline Pankhurst, "I incite this meeting to rebellion."

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### A Poor Showing

By Robert Etherington

Dick Cavett is to be commended, I suppose, for presenting two programs on the subjects of homosexuality and gay rights (PBS, May 9 & 10). Unfortunately, three of the four guests chosen by Cavett (or his producers) were the most inept imaginable: gay minister Malcolm Boyd, defending gays none too effectively; Mike Thompson, a cohort of Mme. Bryant-Green; and the ineffable Dr. Charles Socarides, one of the homophobic wonders of the psychiatric world. The remaining guest, Jean O'Leary of the National Gay Task Force, was a shade more sensible, but still came nowhere near lifting the two programs out of the bog of nonsense in which they wallowed.

Socarides first took the floor and for the rest of the two programs yielded it only with the greatest reluctance (and after Cavett told him, in effect, to shut up). He was, as always, peddling his usual snakeoil: homosexuality is the result of "faulty parenting" ("We know that for a fact."); it is an "arrested psychosexual development;" it violates millennia of biological evolution; and is generally contrary to the natural order of things — archaic attitudes which, Ms. O'Leary remarked (I hope correctly), have made Socarides "a pariah in his own profession."

He does allow, in his usual unctuous way, that he "wants only the best for homosexuals," i.e. to "cure" the poor dears of their loathsome affliction. Like Ms. Bryant, he loves the sinner but hates the sin, or so he would have us think.

Interestingly, Socarides was quite obsessed with reminding us that he has had years of experience in "treating" homosexuals. He evidently believes that long experience, in itself, makes his views concerning homosexuality *scientifically* respectable. But does long experience with, say, tarot cards make them scientifically valid prognosticators of human behavior? Unfortunately for the cause of scientific truth (not to mention gay rights), Socarides has managed to convince far too many people that he is indeed an "expert", despite the fact that, as far as science is concerned, his views on homosexuality are no more intelligent or informed than those of de Gobineau on Jewish racial characteristics.

Joining Socarides in a profound horror of homosexuality was advertising executive Mike Thompson, one of La Bryant's accomplices in the Dade County disaster (about which Thompson engaged in some ill-mannered gloating). He firmly believes that homosexuality is either a "precipice" over which people plunge, or an infectious disease one can contract by being "exposed" to it in school (like measles or diphtheria?).

Thompson wondered if gays would support the dissemination of Ku Klux Klan propaganda in the classroom, his assumption being that the Klan's belief in the superiority of the White race is

equivalent to gay people's belief that homosexuality is neither diseased nor wicked. Of course, the former racist belief is *demonstrably* false; hence, has no place in the classroom, just as no one should teach that the earth is flat or the moon is made of green cheese. The latter belief, however, at least insofar as the absence of disease is concerned, is demonstrably *true*. Unfortunately, neither Ms. O'Leary nor Rev. Boyd were quick-witted enough to point this out.

Nor did they catch another of Thompson's illogical remarks: that every society for thousands of years has condemned homosexuality, therefore we all ought to continue doing so. Even assuming the premise is true (which it isn't), the mere fact that something has been regularly done in the past doesn't mean it should be done now. Nearly all societies practiced slavery for thousands of years. Should we do likewise?

Thompson's peculiar thought processes are no doubt the inevitable outgrowth of pursuing a career in advertising, selling worthless products we neither need nor want, and without which we would all be far better off.

Malcolm Boyd's performance in defense of gay rights was almost uniformly disappointing. Nervous throughout the first show, he said nothing of consequence. In the second show he discoursed at dreary length on the Bible and how he thinks it doesn't *really* condemn homosexuality. Gays like Boyd who attempt to use the Bible to defend themselves are, at best, on shaky ground; its condemnations of homosexuality, though not numerous, are undeniably explicit. Surely we would all be better off giving up as superstitious bunkum at least the Judeo-Christian religion, and probably all others as well.

The usually articulate Jean O'Leary was unfortunately caught in a trap: how to respond to nonsense without oneself sounding nonsensical. Confronted with Thompson and Socarides, what can one do but throw up one's hands in despair? O'Leary very nearly did just that. However, in response to one of Thompson's characteristically foolish remarks about gays "flaunting" their sexuality, she sensibly pointed out that straights flaunt their sexuality *endlessly* — an obvious point, but something heterosexuals usually forget.

But O'Leary has fallen victim to the sentimental notion that the People will eventually recognize Socarides, Thompson, Bryant, *et al* for the charlatans they are and come round to supporting gay rights. Her liberal optimism is misplaced. The democracy will never uproot the weed of homophobia which has grown so luxuriant in American soil, generously fertilized as it is with manure. If acceptance of homosexuals as human beings is ever to exist, it will be such nondemocratic institutions as the courts which will introduce it. And even that grows less likely every day.

### Gay Speakers Bureau

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donations or honoraria to help with our expenses, but our services are not contingent upon a fee. After I have gotten all the pertinent information, I call people to fill the engagements.

I have enjoyed co-ordinating the Gay Speakers Bureau this year and am looking forward to continuing during the summer months. Other engagements which the speakers bureau has been called upon to supply speakers for this

year have included: Northeastern University, Boston College, Tufts University, Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester, Sharon High School, Emmanuel College, Boston University Hillel, Simmons College, a Unitarian Sunday School in Wellesley, Salem Hospital School of Nursing, Lawrence Day Treatment Center, and the Women's Cultural Exchange in Worcester. If your group or class would like to have speakers sent, please contact the Gay Speakers Bureau at: P.O. Box 2232, Boston, MA 02107 or phone (617) 354-0133.



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### MONDAYS

11:30am — Lesbian Support Group meeting at Tufts Women's Center, 628-5000 ext. 702.

12 noon — Northeastern U. GSO meeting. Eli Center, rm. 349, 369 Huntington Ave., Boston. Everyone welcome.

5:30pm — Women's Community Health Center open house, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge.

6-10pm — NH Lambda for Lesbians, phone (603) 228-8542.

6-8pm — Lesbian awareness consciousness-raising group. BU Women's Center, basement of Sherman Union Bldg. 353-4240.

6:30-8pm — Alcoholism discussion/education group for lesbians, 20 Sacramento St., Cambridge, MA. 661-1316.

6:30-8:30pm — Gay Health Services by appointment, Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St., Boston, 267-7573.

7pm — Gay alcoholics group, 10 Walnut St., Worcester, MA.

7-9pm — Supportive lesbian rap, Janus House, 21 Bay St., Cambridge, (617) 661-2537.

7-9pm — U. of Vermont Gay Switchboard, 656-4173.

7-10pm — UMass Gay Women's Caucus Hotline, 545-3438.

7-9pm — Yggdrasil Gay Gathering at Yggdrasil, 15 Gilbert Rd., Storrs, CT. (203) 486-4737.

7:30pm — UMass Amherst, Bisexual Women's Rap Group, Campus Center.

7:30pm — Lesbian Feminist Union meeting, 55 Eddy St., Providence, RI.

7:30pm — Homophile Community Health Service — Drinking problems rap group, 80 Boylston St., Rm. 855, Boston.

8pm — Nashua (N.H.) Area Gays rap session; call (603) 882-8732.

8pm — Monadnock Area Gays, for information call Fitzwilliam, NH (603) 585-9419.

8pm — Lesbian Rap at Women's Center, 215 Park St. NH.

8pm — GPC business meeting, Columbia U., Furnald Basement, Broadway at 115th St.

8pm — Lesbian Rap at Women's Center, 148 Orange St., New Haven, CT.

8:30pm — Gay Alanon (gay alcoholics). Info. 843-5300.

8:30pm — Hartford Gay Alcoholics Group, (203) 522-2646.

8:30pm — Gay Alliance at Yale, open meeting, basement Hendrie Hall, 165 Elm St., New Haven, 436-8945; public welcome.

9pm — Gay discussion group, Columbia U., Furnald basement, Broadway at 115th St.

### TUESDAYS

6:30-8pm — Women's Gay Collective, Women's Center, UConn, CT. (203) 486-4738.

7pm — Pot Luck Supper, 228½ Atwells Ave., Providence, RI.

7:30pm — Integrity, gay Episcopalians, Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St., Boston.

8pm — Springfield Gay Alliance, First Unitarian Church, 245 Porter Lake Dr., Springfield.

8pm — Martha's Vineyard Gay Women & Men's Rap Group; info and details call 627-8097.

8pm — DOB women's rap, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA. 661-3633.

8:30pm — Providence Gay Group of AA, Assumption Parish Hall, 791 Potters Ave., Providence, RI. 333-1396

8:30pm — Deaf lesbians and gay men are invited to meet other deaf and hearing gays who know (or are learning) sign. MCC, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston

8:30pm — Gay A.A. 33-1396

WEDNESDAYS

6:30-8:30pm — Gay Health Services, Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St., Boston, 267-7573.

7pm — MCC/Providence Potluck at Parsonage, rap during and after dinner. Bring and share. (401) 272-9247.

7pm — Lesbian Support Group, UNH Women's Center, Durham, NH

7pm — Liberation Rap Group, (617) 756-0730.

7-10pm — Gay Women's Collective meeting, Storrs, CT. Info: (203) 486-4738.

7-10pm — Gay Women's Collective, UConn Women's Center, (203) 486-4738.

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7-9pm — University of Vermont Gay Switchboard, (802) 656-4173.

7:30pm — MCC midweek service, 11 Amity St., Hartford, CT.

8pm — Discussion group for lesbians and gay men, Christ Church, 20 Carroll St., Poughkeepsie, NY.

8pm — HUM meets, Box 262, Fitchburg, MA 01420.

8pm — Yalesbians meeting, rm. B-8, Hendrie Hall, 165 Elm St., New Haven, CT. 436-8945.

To update your listing or to put a new listing into Everyweek send info to Listings Editor, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108.

8-10pm — URI Gay Social Club, 4th floor Group Room, Roosevelt Hall. (401) 792-5954 or Carl 789-8360.

8:30pm — Gay-straight Rap, UConn, Mental Health Clinic, (203) 486-4705.

9-12pm — Gay Social, Columbia U., Furnald Basement, Broadway at 115th St

10:15pm — "Gay News" radio on WHUS-FM. (91.7), Storrs, CT.

### THURSDAYS

5pm — Brandeis Gay Alliance, Usdan Student Ctr., Conf. Rm. C, Brandeis U., Waltham, MA.

7pm — Gay Alcoholics, St. Vincent's Hospital, Worcester, MA.

7m — Game Night, 5 Junction St., Providence, RI, alternate weeks.

7-10pm — UMass Gay Women's Caucus Hotline, 545-3438.

7:30pm — Daughters of Bilitis, Gay women's rap at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge. For more information call 661-3633.

7:30pm — UConn Gay Alliance meets in the Student Union, Rm. 218, University of Connecticut, Storrs.

8pm — Lesbian Liberation, informal rap group Woman's Center, 46 Pleasant St. Cambridge, MA

8pm — Womenspace coffeehouse and workshop, 11 Amity St., Hartford, CT.

8pm — Capital Dist. Gay Comm. Council, 332 Hudson Ave., Albany, NY 12210.

8pm — Dykes & Tykes, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge, MA, third floor, care for young people, 354-8807.

8-9pm — Lesbian Mother rap group, 21 Bay St., Cambridge, MA. 661-2537.

8:30pm — Gay Women's Caucus, UMass/Amherst, 8th floor of Campus Center.

8:30pm — Gay Alliance at Yale, Hendrie Hall basement, 436-8945, New Haven, CT.

9pm — Emerson Homophile Society, rm. 24, 96 Beacon St., Boston.

### FRIDAYS

7-8:30pm — GRAC swimming, Lindemann Cntr, Staniford St., across from Longfellow Towers.

7-9pm — GRAC men's basketball, Lindemann Center, Hurley Bldg., Staniford St., Boston.

8pm — Am Tikva service, social at Frost Lounge, Eli Center, Northeastern Univ., 300 Huntington Ave., Boston.

7:30pm — Rap group for men and women, MGTF, 193 Middle St., Portland, ME.

7:30pm — Gay get-together, downstairs round-room, Billings Center, U of VT, Burlington.

8:30pm — Berkshire Community Gay Coalition meets at 175 Wendell Ave., Pittsfield, MA. Call (617) 442-9450, M-Th eves.

8:30pm — Alcoholics Together, Our Lady of Victory Church, Isabella St., Boston.

9-12pm — GAY coffeehouse, Hendrie Hall basement, 165 Elm St., New Haven, CT.

### SATURDAYS

2pm — Project Lambda Rap session for gay teenagers, 70 Charles St., Boston.

3-6pm — Gay folk dancing for women and men, Peabody room, 3rd floor, Phillips Brooks House (north end of Harvard Yard). Call Eric (617) 776-6377.

10pm-3am — Worcester Hotline, 791-6562.



### SUNDAYS

9am — Closet Space 740AM with Lisa Schwartz and Joe Martin. (Boston)

11am — Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 West 14th St., NYC.

1-2:30pm — GRAC swimming, Lindemann Cntr, Staniford St., across from Longfellow Towers

2pm — Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 West 14th St., NYC.

2pm — MCC/Worcester service, Central Cong Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester.

2:30pm — "Gay A's" Alcoholics Rap, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.

4-6pm — Gay Women's Group of Providence rap, (401) 831-5184.

5pm — Dignity/Integrity Mass. St. Luke's Church, 17 S. Fitzhugh St., Rochester, NY

5pm — MCC/Boston Bible study group, 131 Cambridge St., 523-7664.

5:30pm — Exodus Mass, Arlington St Church, Boylston St. entrance, Boston.

5:30pm — Dignity service, Arlington St. Church, Boylston St. entrance, Boston.

6:30pm — Gay Church services, 23 Franklin St., Bangor, ME.

7pm — Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 West 14th St., NYC.

7pm — MCC services, South Church, 292 State St., Portsmouth, NH (first Sunday of month).

7pm — MCC/Providence, 134 Mathewson St. (401) 272-9247.

7pm — MCC/NY worship, 201 W. 13th St. (corner of 7th Ave.).

7pm — MCC/Boston, worship and fellowship. Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston

7:30pm — MCC worship, 425 College St., New Haven, CT.

7:30pm — MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St., Hartford, CT.

8pm-12am — Brown/RISD Gay Students Association, 305 Faunce House, Providence, RI (401) 836-3062

8-12pm — NH Lambda for lesbians; phone (603) 332-4440.



# CALENDAR

We've expanded our calendar to include monthly listings. The deadline for Calendar Items is Wednesday at noon for the following issue.

## 20 sat

**Cambridge** — DOB Spring Crafts Fair and Flea Market, 10am-5pm. 1151 Mass. Ave. Syrian food. Rain or Shine.

**Cambridge** — Boston chapter of Women Against Violence Against Women is kicking off its summer boycott of Warner, Elektra and Atlantic Records today. Open demonstration at the Palmer St. entrance of the Harvard Coop. 1pm. Info: 354-8807.

## 21 sun

**Boston** — Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus will not meet this week.

**Cambridge** — The Gay Academic Union of New England monthly meeting. Rev. Ed Houghton of MCC will speak on the Theology of Liberation. 2-4pm. Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard.

**Boston** — The Homophile Community Health Service is holding its Spring Brunch benefit at the Parker House Rooftop Ballroom. Speakers will discuss the past and the future of HCHS. For info and reservations, call 542-5188.

**Cambridge** — CLOSET SPACE (WCAS 740am) hosts gubernatorial candidate Barbarte Ackerman. 9am.

**NYC** — Gay People in Health Care meeting. 7:30pm. 74 Grove St. Rm. 2RW.

**Ashland, MA** — Lambda of Middlesex will have a picnic at Ashland State Park. 1pm. Contact P.O. Box 1165, Framingham, MA or call 887-8550.

## 22 mon

**Boston** — Free V.D. tests by the Gay Health Collective in cooperation with the Mass. Dept. of Public Health. 7-10pm at the Regency Health Center, 11 Otis St. Confidential

**Boston** — Planning meeting for all those interested in forming a Gay Task Force of the National Association of Social Workers. 8pm. Call Gary Drake at (617) 566-6505 for location.

## 23 tues

**NYC** — "Love-Mature Gay Style", the romantic and sexual problems and lifestyles of older gay men and women will be discussed. 8:30pm. West Side Discussion Group, 26 Ninth Ave. at 14th St.

**NYC** — Integrity. Presentation by Paul Abels on "Gay Activism in the Church". 8:30pm. Church of St. Luke-in-the-Fields, Hudson St. at Grove St.

**Washington, DC** — The opening of the American Film Institute's program *The Celluloid Closet: Homosexuality in the Cinema*. Tonight is the Washington premiere of *Word is Out*, stories of some of our lives. Tickets are \$3.50. 8:30pm at the Kennedy Center. The program will run through July 8. For a schedule and information, call (202) 833-9300.

## 24 wed

**Boston** — Lesbian and Gay Teachers meeting at 355 Boylston St. All teachers, ex-teachers, schoolworkers welcome. 7pm. sharp.

**Washington, DC** — The Celluloid Closet: *Sebastiane*. 6:30pm. The American Film Institute, Kennedy Center.

**Boston** — Women! A meeting for you by you. To learn of the objectives of the Boston/Bolse Committee. 6pm. Old West Church. Coordinators: Betty Spears and Cookie Ridolfi.

## 25 thurs

**NYC** — Doris Lunden will speak on Women and Classism at the Gay Women's Alternative. The Universalist Church, Central Park West at 76th St. 8pm.

## 26 fri

**Washington, DC** — The Celluloid Closet: *Les Biches*. 6:30pm. The American Film Institute, Kennedy Center.

**Boston** — Am Tikva; Report from International Conference of Gay Jews. 8pm. Frost Lounge, Ell Center, Northeastern Univ. Call 353-1821 for more information.

## 27 sat

**Tallahassee, FL** — Third Annual Florida Gay Conference. Speakers and over fifty workshops. Campus of the Florida State Univ. in Tallahassee. Write the Alliance for Gay Awareness, P.O. Box U-6573, F.S.U., Tallahassee, FL 32313 for info.

**Washington, DC** — The Celluloid Closet: *The Boys in the Band*. 6pm. The American Film Institute, Kennedy Center.

**Boston** — Women Against Violence Against Women continues its boycott of Warner/Elektra/Atlantic Records with demonstration in front of Strawberries in Copley Sq. 1 pm.

## 28 sun

**Boston** — U.U.G.C. will replay a tape of John Gerassi's address to the Boston/Bolse Committee. 7pm. 355 Boylston St.

## 29 mon

**Washington, DC** — Vito Russo will present a lecture entitled "The Celluloid Closet," documenting the changing attitudes of Hollywood and society towards homosexuality. 8:30pm. The American Film Institute, Kennedy Center.

## 30 tues

**Washington, DC** — The Celluloid Closet: *Staircase*. 6:30pm. The American Film Institute, Kennedy Center.

**Boston** — Free V.D. tests by the Gay Health Collective in cooperation with the Mass. Dept. of Public Health. 4-6pm at The Club Baths, 4 LaGrange St.

**NYC** — "Backroom Bar Sex": a discussion of what goes on in backroom bars. West Side Discussion Group, 26 Ninth Ave. at 14th St. 8:30pm

## 31 wed

**Washington, DC** — The Celluloid Closet: *Outrageous and A Position of Faith*. 6:30pm. *Un Chant d'Amour* and *Fox and His Friends*. 9pm. The American Film Institute, Kennedy Center.

## 1 thurs

**NYC** — Midge Costanza will speak at the Gay Women's Alternative. The Universalist Church, Central Park West at 76th St. 8pm.

## 2 fri

**Boston** — Am Tikva — Roaring 20's party. Appropriate period attire. Dancing & refreshments. Frost Lounge, Ell Center, Northeastern Univ. Call 353-1821 for info.

## 3 sat

**Princeton, NJ** — The Gay Alliance/Princeton will hold an alumni reunion and reception from 4 to 6:30pm at the Library, 83 Prospect. Princetonians of all classes and their friends welcome. Champagne, etc.

## 4 sun

**Framingham** — Lambda of Middlesex spaghetti dinner. 3pm. 50¢ p/person. For info, call 877-8550.

**NYC** — Dykes & Tykes business meeting. Help plan projects. New women always needed. 6pm. Call (212) 777-7897 for address.

## 6 tues

**NYC** — West Side Discussion Group. "Exciting Gay Summer Travel" will be a discussion led by travel expert Richard Hamilton. 8:30pm. Triangle Gay Community Center, 3rd floor, 26 Ninth Ave. at 14th St.

## 8 thurs

**Bangor, PA** — Gay and Christien Conference, at the Klrkrige Conference Center. Leaders in residence will be Melcolm Boyd, John McNeill, and Ron Wesner. Call (215) 588-1793 for info.

## 10 sat

**Dallas, TX** — Fifth Annual Texas Gay Conference: Setting Sites on Human Rights. Workshops, guest speakers and social activities. Contact P.O. Box 20254, Dallas, TX 75220 or call (214) 528-4233.

**Boston** — The Unitarian Universalist Gay Men & Lesbians will sponsor a bike hike to Arnold Arboretum. Meet at 10am on the esplanade side of the Arthur Fiedler Bridge. Bring lunch. Info: 227-6187.

**Boston** — Lesbian and Gay Pride Carnival in the Fenway.

## 13 tues

**Cambridge** — Women's Folk Dancing. 7-9 pm, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Univ. Info: 823-1462.

## 14 wed

**Framingham** — Lambda of Middlesex organizational meeting. 8pm. Call 877-8550 for details.

## 17 sat

**Boston** — Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade and Rally. Meet at 11:30am at Copley Sq.

**Philadelphia** — The Gay Pride Picnic '78. Belmont Plateau, Fairmount Park. Noon to 5pm. Games, sports, entertainment, etc.

## 18 sun

**Boston** — Spring For GCN Benefit at the Club Max. Auction, dance contest, fashion show, buffet, tea dance. Noon-2am. \$5.00 donation. All Day Disco! 54 Park Sq.

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